

# MURRAY, GREEN LASH ATTACK ON WAR EFFORT; AFL HEAD URGES FULL PROBE

The 'Unknown' Hero Is Known



**Negro Pearl Harbor Hero:** Doris Miller, above, dant on the U. S. S. Arizona, who distinguished himself, his nation and his people when the Japanese carried out their surprise and treacherous attack upon Pearl Harbor. Miller's identity was first discovered and made public by Rep. Vito Marcantonio. Miller, although prevented by Jim-Crow Naval regulations from receiving training to operate guns, nevertheless seized a machine gun from a fallen white sailor and fired away at Japanese planes until his ammunition was exhausted. It was Miller's heroism which was cited by Wendell Willkie Thursday evening in a speech here in which he called for the Navy to drop the discriminatory bars against Negroes in the Navy. Miller was born of sharecropper parents in Waco, Texas. (See editorial "Doris Miller of Pearl Harbor" on page 6 of today's Daily Worker.)

## Hail CIO Special Session as Boon To U.S. War Effort

National and City Union Leaders Set Out to Capital to Attend Parley

By George Morris

National and New York CIO leaders yesterday, preparing for the emergency conference at Washington set for Monday by President Philip Murray, yesterday saw the meeting as of great significance in the battle to bring war production to new heights.

## FDR Cites All-Out Role By Labor

Figures Blast Lies on 'Strikes,' Unions Back Production Drive

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Roosevelt gave his press conference this morning some facts and figures which showed that strikes are not one of the real factors holding up American war production.

Later in the day, CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green provided the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on war appropriations with some more statistics on the labor situation.

The general impact of all these facts is to show that the big anti-labor push by appeaser and tory Congressmen now under way on Capitol Hill is based completely on distortion and deliberate misinterpretation.

President Roosevelt didn't comment directly on the strike situation or on the argument that workers are only permitted to work 40 hours a week. He just left the figures speak for themselves.

WPB FIGURES

The President said that the latest figures supplied by the War Production Board on the average

The Smith Bill to abolish the 40-hour week and shackle labor, against which the delegates will rally the full strength of the CIO, is a "deliberate attempt to throw a wrench into the production for victory machinery," Joseph Curran, head of Greater New York and Industrial Union Council and a vice-president of the CIO, declared.

Curran and Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer of the New York CIO Council and scores of other heads of unions here, will leave for Washington today and tomorrow, what is looked upon as the most important labor conference since Pearl Harbor.

The deliberate destructive character of the Smith Bill was also cited because it was timed just when War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson fanned out the assembly line offensive and management and labor is beginning to cooperate through joint factory committees.

A BILL FOR HITLER

"At this most crucial moment in the fight against Hitler," Curran declared, "when effective unity has been forged between labor and management, and the CIO, the AFL and the U. S. Government, the Smith Bill can only be considered as a deliberate attempt to throw a wrench into the production-for-victory machinery which has been so carefully and painstakingly established."

The statement further asserted that a vote for the Smith Bill will be regarded by labor as a vote for Hitler and the Axis. Declaring that the bill consciously sought to take

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## WE WILL ATTACK—M'ARTHUR; SOVIETS RETAKE SIX TOWNS

Chinese Repulse Enemy in Burma

Australia Will Hold Casey Says, Tempo of War Increases

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA. (Filed from Melbourne) March 21 (Saturday) (UP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrives today to organize his "American offensive against Japan" and fight the gathering battle of Australia, already raging in the skies over the fortress-like continent's northern approaches.

MacArthur and his party were scheduled to arrive from Adelaide at 9:30 A. M. (8:30 P. M. EDT Friday).

In a brief, blunt statement at Adelaide his first since he fled dramatically from the Philippines to assume the supreme command of Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific—MacArthur said:

"The President of the United States ordered me to break through the Japanese lines and proceed from Corregidor to Australia for the purpose, as I understand it, of organizing an American offensive against Japan.

"A primary purpose of this is to relieve the Philippines. I came through and I shall return."

Of more immediate urgency was the Australian campaign into which MacArthur was stepping. The Allied and Japanese air forces were slugging it out with mounting ferocity over the northern fringe of the commonwealth and the invasion

outposts beyond. Prime Minister John Curtin announced Friday that Japanese bombers and fighters again had raided Port Moresby, most likely jumping off place for an invasion attempt, bombing and machine-gunning targets at the New Guinea port 350 miles across Torres Strait from Cape York.

The overland push along the Markham Valley, led by traitorous Nazi-schooled "missionaries," still had not brought the Japanese in contact with the Australian defenders, according to the latest reports.

LONDON, March 20 (UP).—A crack Chinese Expeditionary Force has gone into action on the Burma Front at Fyu, 110 miles north of

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All America Should Demand

## A Congressional Investigation

AN EDITORIAL

THE Congress of the United States should accede to the proposal of AFL President Green, backed by CIO President Murray for a thorough investigation of the forces working behind the scenes in the present drive allegedly aimed at labor.

There is already ample evidence at hand that behind the confusion and misinformation on the part of many honest citizens, there lurks something sinister and un-American.

Many letters are coming into Congress especially from the Southern States. What type of person is organizing these messages and spreading confusion? We have just received an issue of the New Orleans States, whose editor proudly publishes telegrams which he solicited from the editors of other Louisiana newspapers. Here is what the editor of the Ruston Daily Leader wired:

"Labor regulation is paramount issue before our nation. Revolution with overthrow of present government appears imminent unless immediate action is taken to curb racketeers who now dictate to government. Forty hours, overtime and holidays will lose the war. They are traitors' tools. Suggest draft of all labor under war regulation."

Read these words carefully. "Revolution with overthrow of present government appears imminent unless etc." What is this but a disguised threat of civil war against the government of the United States? What is this but a help to Hitler? The threat of insurrection comes from these sources, not from labor as Rep. Smith charged.

And read this wire from Orville E. Priestley, editor of the Crowley (La.) Signal:

"I think Congress should suspend the 40-hour week. SUSPEND LABOR UNIONS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR."

Suspend all labor unions! Can such a proposal come

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## Failed to Report for Draft, Communists Expel Brooks

At a meeting of the Political Committee, acting on behalf of the National Committee of the Communist Party, on March 20, 1942, a former State Secretary of the Communist Party of Texas, Homer Brooks, was expelled from membership in the Party, it was announced yesterday.

Following is a full text of the expulsion statement:

"Homer Brooks, a former State Secretary of the Communist Party of Texas, is under accusation by the authorities responsible for the administration of the Selective Service Draft, of delinquency through failure to respond to the call to military service.

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## Brother of Late McNamara to Talk At 3 City Browder Rallies March 29

A. R. McNamara, noted Ohio trade unionist and brother of J. R. McNamara who died in Folsom prison after 30 years of imprisonment, will be one of the speakers at the three Free Browder rallies Sunday afternoon, March 29, which will also be the closing session of the Congress, it was announced yesterday by the Congress Arrangements Committee.

The three meetings will be held simultaneously at Manhattan Center, Cosmopolitan Opera House and Royal Windsor.

The Ohio trade unionist will be joined at these rallies by Warren K. Billings and other, noted pa-

triotic Americans who will be announced shortly.



CLEVELAND, March 20.—With love and reverence, a rally of representative Cleveland unionists and citizens honored the memory of their fallen hero, Tom Mooney, by pledging themselves to win the freedom of Earl Browder.

The rally greeted with a storm of applause Mooney's fellow frame-up victim, Warren K. Billings; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn; and A. R. McNamara, brother of labor heroes J. B. and J. J. McNamara, and head of the local Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder.

"Three things," Billings said, "are needed by labor today. They

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Kill 17,000 Nazis in Smolensk Front Drive

Recapture 2,500 Points in Few Days in Heavy Battles

LONDON, March 20 (UP).—Soviet forces driving westward in a Central Front offensive focused on Smolensk have captured six large towns and 2,500 inhabited localities and killed 17,000 Germans in the last few days, a Red Army spokesman said tonight.

The frontwide Soviet offensive appeared to be picking up new momentum after a slowdown caused by fierce German counter-attacks, immobilizing snowstorms on the Central Front, and heavy rain which turned parts of the Ukraine and Crimea into quagmires.

Red Army offensives raged on several fronts Friday and heavy losses in manpower and equipment were inflicted on the Germans, the night communique from Moscow reported. It said 37 German planes were destroyed Thursday with 14 Soviet losses, while six raiders were downed near Moscow Friday.

The communique said the Germans were driven out of three localities on the Kalinin Front.

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Billings Tells of Vow to Mooney To Free Browder

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, March 20.—Warren K. Billings, co-defendant with the late labor martyr, Tom Mooney, told Washington reporters today that Tom Mooney's "last campaign" was to secure the freedom of Earl Browder.

At a press conference at the Hamilton Hotel, Billings who is scheduled to address a free Browder rally here this evening together with Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, told newspapermen that he had promised Mooney to carry on the fight to secure Browder's freedom.

"The fight is now left to us," Billings declared. "Upon his bier, I promised him I, personally, would carry on that fight."

Billings told reporters that before his untimely death Tom Mooney was planning to telephone a speech, from his bed in St. Luke's Hospital, to the Free Browder Congress on March 28th, to be held in New York City.

Big Nazi Fleet Threatens North Atlantic Area

LONDON, March 20 (UP).—The new German battleship Tirpitz has returned to Trondheim, Norway, joining the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, the heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen and possibly some German destroyers there, informants said tonight.

All the ships except the Prinz Eugen, which was damaged along with the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau when they forced the English Channel in their recent run from Brest, are believed in shape for action.

## Expose Phoney Letter Drive

Anti-Labor Attacks Impede Nation's Fight for Victory, Hearing Told

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green declared today that repressive anti-labor legislation would disrupt national unity of labor and management to step up war production.

The two labor chiefs appeared before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on War Appropriations which is headed by Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma.

Pledging full cooperation to assure continuous operation of war plants, Murray told the Committee that he felt the most important issue in the nation today "is the establishment of real national unity behind the war effort."

Emphasizing the same note of unity, Green asked Congress "not to take the heart out of the voluntary cooperation offered by American workers by fettering them with restrictive legislation."

WANT LETTERS PROBED

Green urged a Congressional investigation of the synthetic letter writing campaign to Congress which started in Oklahoma, and hinted that this drive is being promoted by defeatist forces which are trying to undermine the war effort. He was backed by Murray in his attack on the suspicious character of the Oklahoma campaign.

Senator Harry Truman of Missouri, Chairman of the Senate Committee investigating the Defense Program, said that he would ask his Committee to conduct such an investigation.

Green said that the objective of this Oklahoma letter-writing drive was a well organized and designed "to create disunity and strife in the ranks of workers and employers who have joined hands in a unified war production effort."

"Who are the men behind this drive?" Green asked. "Who is paying for it. Where do the thousands of dollars that are being spent in conducting it come from?"

"What is the connection between the current Oklahoma campaign and the anti-war rallies and mass meetings organized in Oklahoma shortly before Pearl Harbor?"

AFL aides indicated that they have information to show that America First and pro-Nazi groups in Oklahoma are trying to fan this anti-labor campaign in Oklahoma which is now spreading to other states.

Green produced standard telegrams like birthday greetings of anti-labor which had been printed up with four alternative messages, of which the sender checks one. Even the names of Oklahoma Senators and Congressmen had been printed on the telegram, with a box alongside for the right name to be checked off.

The AFL Chief said that "school children were asked

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Special Browder Issue Tomorrow

One Year in Prison



Tomorrow's Sunday Worker—devoted to the campaign for the freedom of Earl Browder—will give its readers a definite picture of the Browder case in authoritative articles by Robert Minor, Roy Hudson, James W. Ford, Alexander Trachtenberg and others. Featured also will be hitherto unpublished photographs of Browder and drawings by staff artists.

'Defense Will Not Win the War'

An interview with Lieut.-Col. W. F. Kernan, author of the best-seller, "Defense Will Not Win the War."

Technocracy

Technocracy is suddenly being revived. What is it up to? What kind of program does it have? A special article on technocracy will appear in this Sunday's issue of the

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## Three New York Rallies for Browder's Release on March 29



## SIDESWIPE

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"In the Cliveden Set, aren't you? I can tell from all that decay."

## Failed to Report on Draft, Communists Expel Brooks

### FDR's Story: MacArthur Rowed To Australia

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—A woman, asked President Roosevelt at a White House dinner the other night how Gen. Douglas MacArthur got from the Philippines to Australia.

This is the tall tale he told her: MacArthur took a rowboat. He disguised himself as a Philippine fisherman, put out from Batang Peninsula and passed unrecognized through heavy concentrations of Japanese naval strength. Furthermore, he rowed 2,500 miles right through the Japanese and landed safely.

Mr. Roosevelt said today at his press conference he thinks the woman actually believed him.

## Soviets Honor Anniversary Of Commune

### Spirit of France Still Lives, Izvestia Says in Tribute

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News) MOSCOW, March 20.—The Soviet press this week marks the 71st anniversary of the Paris Commune.

Izvestia carries a long article by Colonel A. Galin, in which the author writes: "Seventy years have elapsed since the great patriotic insurrection of the Parisian people, an insurrection directed against the German conqueror. History has repeated itself, but under different circumstances this time.

"Treachery has also repeated itself, but it has taken a far more vile form.

"Never before has France been in such a tragic situation as she is today. France is bleeding white owing to the treacherous policy of French reaction. The Vichy government is sinking ever lower in its servility to the occupation authorities, in its betrayal of the national interests of the French state.

"But the people, millions of people, cannot be deceived for long in the regime of slavery and treachery foisted on them. "Such a great people cannot leave the scene of history in ignominy. In 1871 the finest people of France marched hand in hand with the Communards in the struggle against the Prussian occupationists and their allies inside the country.

### FRANCE STILL LIVES

"Neither Prussian bayonets nor repression by Thiers could break the spirit of the French people. "Also today the French people have found the strength to struggle.

"France's finest men are rising up in sacred war against the Prussians and their agents in France.

"All the progressive forces in the country are united in struggle for the honor of the fatherland, for the life of the country. "France will never perish. "Not only the inglorious Thiers and Jules Favre have come to life again in their descendants, the Petains. The heroic, courageous Communards live again in the self-sacrificing patriots of France. "Glory to the great Communards and their descendants. "Glory to the patriots of France!"

## The Anniversary of a Lie

# 'Victory Near,' Nazis Said a Year Ago

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News) LONDON, March 20.—Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, had a busy week one year ago.

On March 21, 1941, he opened the week by declaring: "We are convinced that the events of 1940 have already decided the war in favor of Germany and her Allies. The year 1941 will produce the final proof of this."

On March 27, 1941, he closed it with a broadcast: "We know the war is now won for Germany and her Allies, and we believe the whole world will know it at the end of 1941. England, which set out to mobilize the nations against us, is thoroughly isolated today."

Between those two dates, other

Axis soothsayers were active:

March 21, 1941: BREMEN to England: "American aid will come too late to do you any good. The German armies are poised for the final thrust. Proudly and resolutely we fall in line in 1941 to complete that which we began last year."

March 22: ZEESEN to North America: "Millions of Americans no longer doubt that England is beyond all help and that her population can barely be kept alive."

March 22: WEICHEL to Poland: "American supplies of war material have to be dearly paid for and not one shipload will reach Britain."

March 23: POPOLO DI ROMA: "A strangling noose is closing in

ever closer around besieged England and brings to naught the much-lauded American help."

BRESLAU to England: "The facts unmistakably indicate that there can be no question of qualitative or quantitative parity between the German Luftwaffe and the RAF."

ZEESEN to Asia: "The Fuehrer has declared that war is to be decided during this year."

March 25: DEUTSCHLAND-SENDER to Germany: "Germany at all times regarded it as her supreme aim to localize the war and fight it out with her own forces and those of her Italian ally."

ALLOUIS to Spain: "The Lease-Lend act is shortly to become merely a piece of wet paper dipped

in the salt waters of the Atlantic by German submarine action."

ALLOUIS to Spain: "Germany and Italy do not ask for foreign battalions to fight by their side . . . the Reich does not ask for men or materials from other nations . . . the Reich does not demand money or blood."

ANGRIFF: "The day will come with mathematical certainty when English food supplies to her island will be cut off and England will be in the throes of death by the end of this year, or at least by the beginning of next."

March 26: ZEESEN to South Africa: "Yugoslavs know where victory lies and that Germany is solicitous for their welfare and will not exploit them like the British by turning their country into a new war front."

## Nazis Land Wounded at Martinique: U.S. Protests

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—Relations between the United States and Vichy were complicated anew today when it was revealed that a German submarine landed a wounded sailor at the French Caribbean island of Martinique a fortnight ago.

There was no indication the U-boat had taken aboard supplies or fuel. Nevertheless, the United States has made representations to Vichy, declaring its opposition to use of Martinique ports by German submarines for any purpose.

Vichy's explanation that the landing of wounded men at neutral ports was permissible under international law was viewed as unsatisfactory and this government cited France's own position on a similar situation in 1918. In a note of Aug. 21, 1918, France urged that German submarines be barred from American ports under all circumstances. At the time, the United States was neutral. The French note said:

"Submarine vessels should be excluded from the benefit of the rules hitherto recognized by the law of nations regarding the admission of vessels of war or merchant vessels into neutral waters. Any belligerent submarine entering a neutral port should be detained there."

Under a recent naval accord with the United States, the government of Martinique guarantees the Axis will not be allowed use of the island as a base.

Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles said recently the United States was in a position to observe developments at Martinique and Guadeloupe, another French island in the Caribbean area.

In recent weeks, U-boats have extended their undersea warfare to the Caribbean area, launching that particular campaign with attacks against the rich oil refinery island of Aruba, off the coast of Venezuela.

The Martinique incident came at a time when the United States was awaiting satisfactory replies to certain important questions regarding the extent of Vichy collaboration with Germany. Vichy recently gave formal assurances that it would remain neutral and that the French fleet would not be allowed to fall into German hands.



**Soviet Bomber Crew at Front:** Standing in front of their long-range bomber are a group of Soviet airmen who have carried out 101 operational night flights and 36 daylight flights and brought down five enemy planes, unusual for a bomber which seeks to avoid aerial combat when on an assignment. Commander of the crew, Taran, is at left.

## Red Army Recaptures Six Big Towns

2,500 Points Retaken in Smolensk Drive; 17,000 Killed

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and described successful reconnaissance activity in the Ukraine and guerrilla operations below Leningrad.

A United Press dispatch from Moscow said that Soviet tanks spearheading a two-day drive on the Southern Front captured seven villages and killed 1,000 Germans.

It said that on the Central Front the Red Army stormed and took a strongly fortified village on a hill-top dominating a wide area and wiped out more than two-thirds of the German garrison of 1,500.

On the Northwestern Front the Red Army ousted the Germans from an important communications center. The plight of the 16th German

## McNamara's Brother to Speak at Rally

Will Address One of 3 Browder Meetings on March 29

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are unity, fraternal care for the boys in our armed forces, and the freedom of Earl Browder. These three things will speed our war effort and bring victory sooner."

Other speakers were Bernard V. McGroarty, International Representative of the AFL-Stereotype Union; Hayes Jones of the National Maritime Union; and Max Goldstein, members of the AFL Painters District Council.

The local Citizens Committee announced today that two more unions have elected delegates to the Free Browder Congress in New York: AFL Painters Local 867 and United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 735. 9

## We Are Preparing the Offensive--MacArthur

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Rangoon, where a Japanese spearhead is attempting to drive up the road to Mandalay, a Burma communique reported tonight.

The communique, issued at Jubulpore, India, said a Chinese cavalry detachment, working with British forces, intercepted a mixed Japanese force of 400 infantry and cavalry with three armored cars south of Pyu yesterday.

"The armored cars were destroyed and some hundred casualties were inflicted," the communique said.

(The communique did not specify whether the Chinese forces were part of the Fifth and Sixth Armies just placed under command of U. S. Lieut.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell or part of the Chinese vanguard which reinforced the British when they first withdrew from Rangoon.)

It indicated that the Japanese were driving ahead below Tounoung, on the Rangoon-Mandalay rail and highway, since Pyu is 10 miles above Kanyukwin, last previous reported point of contact in that area.

### REFEL THAI TROOPS

The All-India Radio reported that Chinese troops holding down the northeastern Burma Front again have repelled attempts by Thai troops to invade Burma in a series of frontier clashes.

Lieut.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell revealed today that all U. S. forces in Burma, India and China, as well as two crack Chinese Burma armies, have been assigned to his command, and he declared: "Our happiest day will be when we see American and Chinese soldiers together in Tokyo."

America is determined to carry the war to Japan, he said, and toward that end all possible U. S. aid will be sent to China because "the Chinese soldier is the best trooper in the world—none can beat him if he has the equipment."

It was the U. S. General's first interview since becoming field commander of the Chinese Fifth and Sixth Armies in Burma in addition to Chiang Kai-shek's Chief of Staff. He said that U. S. forces on the Asiatic mainland had been assigned him by Brig.-Gen. John Magruder's U. S. Military Mission to China.

The American Volunteer Group, fighter pilots who have been harassing the Japanese in Burma from their South China bases, apparently are not included in Stilwell's command since they are attached officially to the Chinese Army.

He confirmed that United States supplies destined for China have reached India and will be delivered since "communications with India

## British Withdraw North of Rangoon

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are quite satisfactory." Work is being speeded on an auxiliary highway across Upper Burma to feed the Burma Road now that Rangoon has been lost as a port of entry, he said.

Increasing Japanese activity was reported, including Fifth Column promotion behind the Imperial lines.

A Bombay dispatch reported the loss of Tharavaddy, on the Rangoon-Prome road, and a British commentary here, emphasizing the town had little strategic value, said "there is no particular reason why we should not have evacuated it."

British officials expected the drive on Mandalay under way to consist of two Japanese columns advancing simultaneously from the Rangoon area—one up the Sittang River valley toward British positions at Tounoung and the other along the Irrawaddy valley toward Prome.

Dispatches from Mandalay revealed how Japanese boat patrols have slipped up the Irrawaddy River west of the Tharavaddy-Prome area in an attempt to organize them for a stab at the British rear.

### Australia Will Hold, Casey Says

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—Australia will hold against the impending Japanese onslaught but will need all the help possible, Richard G. Casey, newly designated Middle East Minister of state in the British War Cabinet, declared today.

"We are going to hold," he said on his arrival today from the west coast with Australian Minister for External Affairs Herbert Vere Evatt.

"It is going to take some doing and we will need all the help we can get from our great friends."

Casey indicated he would accept the Middle Eastern post, which he had discussed by telephone with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

British Ambassador Lord Halifax, who greeted Evatt, said of Casey's appointment: "We are glad he is assuming new and larger responsibilities in the war."

Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles also greeted Evatt. They planned to confer later in the day.

# Hitler Controls Italy, Industries and People

By E. M. Ercoli

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

(This is the third of a series of five articles by Ercoli, dealing with conditions in Fascist Italy.)

MOSCOW, March 20.—Mussolini's imperialist designs were at first directed at the Danube and the Balkans and thus clashed with the appetites of German imperialism. Resistance was but short-lived. This Malbrock from the Palazzo Venezia, so triumphant in speeches and at parades, was soon relegated to the background by the rough German competitor.

After the Nazi occupation of Austria, the independence of which, according to Mussolini, was vitally important for Italy, Italian imperialism began to lose its positions in the Balkans one after another. Italian trade was ousted by the Germans.

The reactionary groups in the Balkan countries who formerly were incited by Mussolini swung over to Hitler's side or gave way to the direct agents of Hitler's fifth column. Mussolini had only paved the way for German imperialism which was following in his footsteps in the Balkan peninsula. It was at that time that the Duce made his "historic" speech proclaiming Africa as the goal of his "empire" campaign. This was followed by a headlong rush into the Ethiopian adventure. Hitler attained his aim: fascist Italy which he had brought into a clash with the western democracies and above all Britain had taken a further step

towards vassal dependence on Germany.

True, Mussolini tried once more to sustain his claims on the Balkans by the seizure of Albania and later by declaring war on Greece. This venture however ended very sadly for him. After invading the Balkan countries, Hitler allowed Mussolini to annex a strip of Adriatic coast and part of Slovenia. The fascist press through clenched teeth glorified this victory. But a large part of Yugoslav territory was in Hitler's hands. The German army looted Greece and the Italian army was left in the miserable role of a gendarme for German imperialism against the heroic struggle of the guerrillas and people of Serbia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Slovenia and Greece.

Mussolini made haste to declare Croatia a zone of Italian influence and an Italian protectorate, appointing an obscure member of the Savoia dynasty King of Croatia and naming him Tsimoslav II. But in this new puppet state the Hitlerites have captured decisive positions, and King Tsimoslav, taking counsel from the Gestapo agents, can always get rid of unwelcome guests, finds it more prudent to remain in his Naples villa.

Meanwhile Hitler is preparing the same fate for Italian fascism in Africa. In Cyrenaica, which the Italians lost twice, the German army now represents the Axis military might.

But Cyrenaica is practically a desolate waste of insignificant economic value. It will continue to play the role of "revolving plate-

form" of this war for the systematic destruction of Italy's military forces and for quick shifts from offensive to retreat.

VICHY AIDS HITLER The Vichy traitor government opens to Germany the door to Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Dakar which are of first rate economic and military importance.

So as not to interfere with the German masters, Mussolini was compelled to shelve his notorious demands on France and the Mediterranean. Crete, key to the western section of the Mediterranean, is already in German hands and on the pretext of organizing a relay service for their African corps, the Germans have consolidated their air bases on Sicily.

The name "Mare Nostrum" which the bragging but impotent Italian imperialist gave the Mediterranean rings with special irony today.

The Hitler occupation and colonization of Europe has hit Italian imperialism at its own economic base, making the supply of raw materials for heavy industries more and more difficult and reducing to a minimum Italian markets.

Almost the whole of Italy's heavy industry and a large part of its light industries depend on foreign imports for raw materials. Under present conditions this means complete dependence on Germany. The subordination of the entire European trade to the Berlin clearing center, has given big German capital a monopoly on the European markets.

Italy meets with ever mounting difficulties in concluding trade agreements with individual European countries and its industry must rest content with what it gets from time to time and what it can pick up at some incidental markets.

In questions of exchange it is Germany that lays down the law. Consequently Italian economy has been abandoned to the tender mercy of German imperialism, economy and the German imperialists who regulate as they see fit.

When certain German financiers brazenly blurted out that Europe would have no leading industrial country and that all the others would be reduced to agrarian appendages, this evoked protests in Italy. Hitler's Minister Funk came out with explanations and tried to minimize the adverse impression. But what has indeed taken place this last year? Germany has cut even more its raw material supplies from Italy and forced the latter to dispatch 300,000 Italian workers to the Reich.

This is how Italy's skilled labor power, one of the chief sources of the country's prosperity which is low as it is, is being squandered. In Germany the skilled Italian worker is often used as a common laborer.

Italian fascism which was so indignant that the workers should emigrate from Italy is now itself exporting workers to Germany. Little wonder then that the Frankfurt Zeitung frankly admits that the foreign workers in Germany are like the slaves in ancient Rome forging weapons for warriors who fulfill the mission of conquering

and oppressing their own countries. Formerly Italy which was unable to pay for imported raw materials by home products augmented its income by proceeds from the tourist trade, shipping and money transferred to Italy by emigrants.

But the war blockade and stoppage of trade relations with Latin America have destroyed these sources too.

Raw materials from Germany must be paid for by agricultural produce which Germany is only too eager to obtain and Italy which is mainly an agrarian country is facing ever sharpening food crisis.

At the same time Italy's foreign debt is growing. By the close of 1940 it already reached ten billion lire and certain hints of the Italian employers' papers show that Mussolini was compelled to transfer to Berlin dutifully the remnants of Italy's gold fund.

Thus, German imperialism is dragging along imperialist Italy after having swung a noose around her neck.

Today Hitler demands control of Italy's last resources. He demands fresh supplies of cannon fodder for the Soviet German front to be used in the impending battles which according to Hitler's plans should enable him to colonize Europe, which would be tantamount to a national catastrophe for Italy.

Mussolini is pressing into action his whole apparatus. The Italian people go hungry, die in slaughter and see their country ruined for the sake of the interests of her bitterest enemies.



# A. F. L. Painters Back Browder Congress; Unions from 6 More States Make Plea

## District Council 9 Elects Delegates

McLeish to Join Gurley Flynn at Rally in Newark March 25

Joining hands with hundreds of thousands of other unionists in the country New York District Council No. 9, A. F. L. Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America has unanimously elected delegates to the National Free Browder Congress which will assemble in New York City for two day sessions on March 28 and 29.

The Brooklyn District Council No. 11 of the same union likewise went on record without a dissenting vote for Browder's release, on behalf of its 2,000 members.

The New York Central labor body of the painters largest in the country has 11 locals with a membership of 12,000. The motion for the election of delegates was made by Louis Weinstock, leading delegate to the body, who is also administrative secretary of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder.

Other late developments in the growing campaign to Free Browder are:

NEWARK, N. J.—James McLeish, president of District Council No. 4, U. M. W., will join Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on the platform of the Free Browder Rally to be held at the New Continental Auditorium, 962 Broad St., on Wednesday evening, March 25.

Difficulties in carrying out plans for the meeting were overcome when John B. Keenan, Director of Public Safety of the city, informed the New Jersey Citizens Committee, that Corporation Counsel Schroeder had advised that a permit for the meeting was not necessary.

New York—Organized labor in lumber, marine, clothing, chemicals and other industries, both A. F. L. and C. I. O. have notified the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder that at their regular membership meetings they have passed resolutions which were forwarded to President Roosevelt requesting the immediate release of Earl Browder from Atlanta Penitentiary.

The trade unions, as well as labor officials listed yesterday include Florida, New York, Washington, Louisiana, Massachusetts and Nebraska:

Jacksonville, Florida branch, National Maritime Union; Boston, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local No. 56; Aberdeen, Wash., Police Camp No. 3 of the Lumberworkers Union; New York City, Local No. 60; George Friesmen, President, Omaha Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee, Local No. 47; George Edwards, Shop Steward, Omaha Bakery Workers Union, Local No. 216; New Orleans Branch, National Maritime Union; New York Park Drug Co. Employees; Brooklyn workers of R. J. Prentiss Co.; United Mine Workers of America, Local No. 12165 and John Henry, Chairman, Gargaining Committee, Omaha Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee, Local No. 80.

S. S. O. M. Bernath—The crew of this ship, the 93rd to urge executive clemency for Earl Browder, in a message to President Roosevelt pointed out that Browder is "an outstanding fighter against fascism."

**Alien Japanese Told to Prepare for Evacuation**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20 (UP).—Army authorities urged alien Japanese and their American-born children today to put their affairs in order and "prepare to start moving" from prohibited zones on the Pacific Coast.

Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, assistant chief of staff for Civil Affairs of the Western Defense Command, indicated the 100,000 prospective evacuees would be moved with all possible speed to centers in the interior of California.

German and Italian aliens presumably must move too, although a House Committee on Defense Migration has suggested leniency toward those individuals who could prove loyalty to the United States.

**Educator Dies**

PITTSBURGH, March 20 (UP).—Dr. Ben G. Graham, 61, superintendent of Public Schools here since 1930, died at his home here today after a heart attack.

One of the nation's foremost educators, Graham had been ailing for several months. He attended a meeting of the school board yesterday.



COUNTEE CULLEN

## Countee Cullen, Famous Negro Poet, Urges Browder's Release

Countee Cullen, the famous Negro poet whose writings have been published and republished around the world, said yesterday that "like every other fair-minded American I want to see Earl Browder released from prison."

The campaign for Browder's freedom has gained tremendous impetus as outstanding persons from all phases of American life have indicated their support for the National Free Browder Congress, to be held in New York City next weekend, March 28-29.

Mr. Cullen, who has portrayed the struggle of his own people for freedom in many celebrated

poems and other writings, including *The Black Christ*, *The Ballad of the Brown Girl*, *One Way to Heaven* and many others, told us yesterday:

"Earl Browder's detention is a great miscarriage of justice. He is not being punished for a crime, for none was committed, but for his political views solely."

"As a member of a group which has borne and still is bearing, even in these times when all Americans should present a solid front, a great weight of social injustice, much of it with governmental sanction, I ardently hope for the release of Earl Browder."

## Reuther Replies to GM on Talks

Union Willing to Hold 'Open' Negotiation; Hits Name-Calling

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 20.—Walter Reuther, head of the 12-man negotiating committee of the United Automobile Workers, in the current General Motors talks today expressed the hope that the bargaining conference would not "degenerate into a public contest of name-calling."

His statement was in reply to widely-publicized statements by President C. E. Wilson of General Motors demanding that the negotiations be conducted before newspapermen and to denunciations of the union's demand for a \$1 a day raise and the union shop.

"We are perfectly willing," Reuther said, "that the press and public be invited to attend our conference when we get before the National War Labor Board at Washington. In the past we have always conducted our negotiations in private at the corporation's request."

As for "business-as-usual," where was General Motors 18 months ago when we urged them to convert their facilities for war production?"

At the same time Reuther expressed the hope that the corporation would inaugurate, as requested by War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson, the joint labor-management committees at the 90 plants covered in the contract.

Labor, he said, is 100 per cent behind the production drive and is ready to render all possible assistance to drive up war output.

## Hudson County CIO Urges: Free Browder

Elect 2 Delegates to Attend Congress in N. Y. March 28-29

(Special to the Daily Worker)

JERSEY CITY, March 20.—The Hudson County CIO Council, uniting an affiliated membership of 50,000 last night voted to send two delegates to the Free Browder Congress in New York on March 28-29.

Sigmund Bednarski, chairman pro-tem of the council, said a resolution calling upon President Roosevelt to free Browder, was adopted at an earlier meeting.

The meeting, held at the headquarters of Local 16, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, also named a committee to arrange the Hudson County convention of the CIO some time in May, Bednarski said. Another committee was named to spur the CIO's Victory program of production and joint management-labor committees in the shops.

**Blackburn, Louis Trainer Very Ill**

CHICAGO, March 20 (UP).—The condition of Jack Blackburn, trainer of world's heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, remains "critical," Providence hospital attaches reported tonight. Blackburn is suffering from pneumonia.

## Get Behind Aid to Russia, Jersey Industrialist Says

J. W. Mettler, Head of Interwoven Stocking Co., Hails Fight Of Red Army as Greatest Aid to America

A plea to industry to "get behind the Russian War Relief campaign and give solid support to a country which is helping us win the war," was voiced by John Wyckoff Mettler, president of the Interwoven Stocking Co., at a recent meeting of New Jersey industrial leaders at the Hotel Roger Smith, in New Brunswick, N. J.

Mettler, who is chairman of the corporation's committee of the Middlesex County

## Al Smith Joins Board For Russian War Relief

Alfred E. Smith, former governor of New York and 1928 Democratic Party candidate for president, has joined the Board of Directors of Russian War Relief, Inc., Edward C. Carter, president of the relief agency, announced yesterday.



ALFRED E. SMITH

Carter said Smith was elected at a meeting of the board last Monday.

Smith, in a statement released by Russian War Relief with Carter's announcement, said that he expects to take an active part in work for Russian relief.

"No American can fail to recognize," Smith said, "that aid in all forms for our allies is the quickest and cheapest means available to us of striking at Hitler. The Russian army and people are serving magnificently as the spearhead of our fight and I have joined the board of directors of Russian War Relief, Inc., in order to do what I can to aid them."

"I feel, too, that suffering and want such as that which we have inevitably followed the ravages of war in Russia lays an inescapable duty upon every Christian. Russian War Relief, Inc., is working to alleviate the sufferings of millions of human beings. That cause would enlist me in this work if practical considerations of our own national interest had not."

## Building Service CIO Locals Merge

Union Broke with Lewis Dominated Group Recently

Local 225 of the Building Service Workers, which recently left the United Construction Workers, Thursday night affiliated its membership with the Stationery Engineers, Firemen, Maintenance and Building Service Union, Local 670.

The Stationery Engineers is a local affiliated with the National Maritime Union. Its history began several years ago when unemployed NMU members entered the building service field.

Local 225 several weeks ago left the UCW which is headed by A. D. Lewis, brother of John L. Lewis, sharply denouncing the officials of that union who have been seeking to seize control of the local's contracts and to eliminate the name of the CIO from them.

Action was taken at a membership meeting of over 300 at Donovan's Hall, 310 W. 59 St., after a statement adopted jointly by the executive committee of Local 225 and the executive committee of Local 670 was read. New membership books were immediately substituted for the UCW books. A merger membership meeting will soon take place and a new set of officers will be elected.

## Shortage of Labor by Fall Likely—FDR

Enough Manpower Now But Needs May Force Drain by Autumn

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt said today that shortages of labor probably will begin to develop in American war industries by next fall.

For the present, Mr. Roosevelt added, there is sufficient manpower for the nation's expanding war plants. But he was inclined to believe that the situation will change by autumn.

The President would not speculate on press conference suggestions that possibly some of the 13,000,000 men between the ages of 45 and 65 who will register under selective service next month might be used in some manner to fill the gaps.

For the present, Mr. Roosevelt added, there is sufficient manpower for the nation's expanding war plants. But he was inclined to believe that the situation will change by autumn.

**Slayer of Parents Also Killed His Grandmother**

LOS ANGELES, March 20 (UP).—Courtney Fred Rogers, bearded 24-year-old church organist who concealed the killing of his parents for months, confessed to authorities today that he also had killed his grandmother with a dose of arsenic six years ago.

All three killings, he said, stemmed from his desire for insurance money with which to further his musical education.

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## Knox Warns Norfolk of Peril from 5th Column

Calls Vital Port 'Second Worst Protected' on Atlantic Seaboard

NORFOLK, Va., March 20 (UP).—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox today urged better protection for the Norfolk-Portsmouth harbor and warned "that there is a fifth column element here which cannot be ignored."

He made the statement at a press conference while on an inspection trip of eastern seaboard ports.

The harbor here, Knox said, was the second worst protected of any in the nation. (He didn't say what the worst was). He declared a fireboat and police boat were needed and urged the city to accept the responsibility for increased protection.

"Should a bombing raid occur here serious damage would be inflicted," he said. "As far as I can see there is absolutely no protection now. The situation here is grave, especially in view of the fact that there is a fifth column element here which cannot be ignored."

"This is a duty that the city of Norfolk should have no hesitancy about assuming, because Norfolk depends entirely on Navy activity here. Should naval activities be destroyed by fire here, Norfolk would not be a city any more."

Knox refused to comment on the number of merchant ships sunk off the Atlantic coast. He disclosed, however, that protection would be increased during the next 60 days. He said a large number of new patrol vessels would be added to the area extending from Maine to Jacksonville, Fla. Protection also will be increased for west coast vessels, he said.

Knox said that most merchant ships still were flying the waters unarmored. He added, however, that these ships gradually were getting guns.

## Negro, Noted in USSR, Dies

(By Cable to Intercontinental News)

MOSCOW, March 20.—Lloyd Patterson, young American Negro from New York City, died here this week. He had worked in Moscow for the past ten years as an interior decorator and movie actor.

Lloyd Patterson's mother spent several years in the Soviet Union, and wrote a booklet, popular in the U. S. S. R., about her experiences as a Soviet factory worker. She is now back in the United States.

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—Southeast Air Corps Training Center Photo

**Girls Get Commissions:** Dressed in their formal uniforms, these U. S. Army nurses held the rank of Lieutenant. Pictured at Maxwell Field, Alabama, are left to right, Second Lieutenants Claudia Knight, Edna Fortner, Catherine Beal and Margaret Claus.

## Marxist Classes Favorite Study at Workers School

Principles of Communism and Marxism-Leninism were the most popular courses at the Workers School this term, a recently completed registrar's report on the 1942 winter term reveals.

Of the 2,304 enrolled students who jammed the classes to get a Marxist key to world problems, 880 took courses in scientific socialism, 562 in Political Economy, 435 in the World at War and 205 in Marxism and the War.

The will to defeat the Axis was also expressed by large attendances in classes on the Nation at War, Current Events, Trade Unionism, World Politics and the National Question.

The majority of the students, according to the report, were young—between the ages of 21 and 25, with the two next largest groups came in the 16 to 20 and 26 to 30 brackets. Of all the students who worked during the day, close to 900 were

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# CITY C.I.O. MOVES FOR JOINT WAR RALLY WITH A.F.L.

## Labor Unity Behind U.S. War Effort Stressed

Council Meeting Assails Smith Bill; Backs Farmers Union

By George Morris

The Greater New York Council of the CIO at its regular meeting at Manhattan Center Thursday night named a committee of eight to "promote and plan" a joint demonstration with the American Federation of Labor here to show labor's support behind the country's war effort.

Secretary-treasurer Saul Mills, nominating the committee in behalf of the council's executive committee, reported that a move is under way through the office of Mayor LaGuardia to bring the two wings of labor together for a giant demonstration in the near future.

There was no indication, however, as to whether an agreement has already been reached and how soon the project would be in its practical stage.

The Council took action on a series of other important matters: Following a report of Clifford McAvoy, its legislative representative, the Council adopted a resolution "sharply denouncing" the new Smith Bill to kill the 40-hour week and "shackle the free American labor movement," and called upon all affiliates to make their protest emphatic through telegrams and letters.

**BACK FARMERS' UNION**  
Declared full backing for the Farmers' Union of the New York Milkshed, headed by Archie Wright, and, along with his own contribution of \$50, asked all affiliates to help the union financially.

Gave endorsement to the conference of Russian War Relief, Inc. scheduled here for April 11.

Heard of progress its committee is making to obtain the Mayor's cooperation on loud-speaker arrangements to rouse the workers behind the war.

Called on all affiliates to petition Congressmen not to vote a cent for the Dies Committee.

A high point of the meeting was the report of Charles Schroeder, president of Local 12165, District 50, United Mine Workers, whose charter was lifted and properly sealed by John L. Lewis because the union has been in the forefront in support of the war.

**CHARGES ANTI-SEMITISM**  
Schroeder, describing how Lewis' henchmen are seeking to split the union into some 20 separate locals, also charged that the new UMWA representatives are also carrying on a campaign of anti-Semitism.

"We are not just fighting John L. Lewis, we are fighting everything he stands for," said Schroeder to the general applause of the delegates. "We consider him an appeaser of the worst kind and we don't want any appeasers or any part of them. Yes, he may pull the mine union out of the CIO, but I can assure you he'll never take us along with him."

Schroeder said the local is taking its charter fight into court.

A considerable part of the session was devoted to the report of James Lustig, for the Committee on Production, Conversion and Retraining.

Lustig cited the progress his union, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, has made in boosting production where joint management-labor committees were formed. He reported on steps the committee has taken to win the Mayor for the idea of utilizing idle machine shops under the city's control for training of workers for war industries. He received much encouragement in the effort, Lustig reported.

The fact that workers put in long hours and often do so unaware of developments in the war, makes them victims to much confusion sowed by appeasers, Lustig stressed. For that reason the effort is being made to promote factory gate meetings, he said, indicating that the Mayor has shown favor for the proposal.

The Council acted on the Farmers' Union after the five-point program of that organization was read. The program declared for full support of the war, high production of milk products to supply the country "and for lend-lease shipment abroad to our Allies"; recognizes "common interest" between farmers and labor and calls for cooperation; supports the Federal Milk Marketing Order and the latest amendments to improve it; and maintains that farmers should have their own "separate organization, run from the bottom by the producers themselves, absolutely free and clear of any Milk Trust (dealer) influence, and maintaining relations with organized labor."

The program is in contrast to the trust-controlled Dairy Farmers' organization which recently threw in its lot with John L. Lewis by affiliating with District 50, UMWA.

## All America Should Demand A Congressional Investigation

AN EDITORIAL

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from any but a fascist-minded person? Can it have any other purpose than deliberately to break up the growing government-employer-labor cooperation and throw the country into conflict and turmoil just when maximum unity is needed to defeat the enemy?

THERE is no doubt, as President Roosevelt has said, that many honest citizens are confused about the 40-hour week and other labor questions. But surely these patriotic though misinformed people do not subscribe to the ideas quoted here from certain Louisiana editors. Certainly, they would never lend their names to a proposal to wipe out the American labor movement which has stopped all strikes and has proved to be indispensable to the increase of war production. Certainly, they would be the first to raise their voices and their might against any threat of violence and civil war against the government of the United States as hinted at in the wire of one of the Louisiana editors.

The charges about the 40-hour week and "strikes" in war industries have been fully refuted by the President, high government, Army and Navy officials and patriotic employers. In light of this refutation and in view of the type of quotations presented here from some Louisiana editors, it is not evident that an organized attempt is being made to exploit and inflame the widespread misinformation in order to block labor-employer cooperation and prevent increases in war production?

Not only have shameful slanders been committed against the patriotic organizations of labor; but what is even still more serious, an attack has been launched against the nation's unity and the war effort.

In this situation it becomes the duty of every loyal American—all middle class and professional people, all farmers and the many, many patriotic employers, every Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, to speak out against this organized attempt, especially through the Smith Bill, to create friction and whip up discord. They should write to their Congressmen and send delegations to the Capitol, calling for a complete investigation of the Fifth Column at work behind the scenes.

The duty to speak out in this grave situation is as important as the duty to bear arms against the enemy.

## Hail CIO Special Session as Boon To U.S. War Effort

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advantage of what the President described as "an amazing state of public misinformation" on the labor situation, the statement pointed out that the bill spread the falsehood that the Wage-Hour Law did not permit more than 40 hours of work per week.

"The Wage-Hour Law merely provides that time and a half for overtime must be paid above 40 hours, but puts no limit on the number of hours a worker may put in during a week."

Referring to the provisions of the bill which would suspend all union contracts providing for a 40 hour week, outlaw the right to strike and prohibit the closed shop, union shop or maintenance of membership contracts, the statement declared: "This is an attempt by those who always fought labor to take advantage of the war situation to place labor in bondage and to deprive it of the hard-won gains it has made over a period of 30 years. The passage of this sweatshop bill would be a severe blow to the morale of the working people of this country. This is not the way to win the war. Fight Hitler, not labor."

### A PRODUCTION AID

Henry Wenning, national secretary-treasurer of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, expressed his opinion that the conference would greatly accelerate the efforts of labor to step up production for victory.

"The American people are becoming better acquainted with the real sincerity and determination of labor to produce the materials to defeat the Axis," he said. "The difficulties that have presented themselves are in some instances technical. These are being ironed out. The other and greater difficulties—the obstacles being placed in the way of all-out production by reactionary employers and Congressmen—must be spotlighted so the people can help destroy their anti-war efforts by a storm of protest."

"This conference, I am sure, will further the plans of Donald Nelson and the War Production Board. It will serve to bring labor's part in the whole war effort to a still higher, more effective plane."

### WON'T BE SHACKLED

Frederick N. Myers, vice-president of the National Maritime Union, expressed confidence that the conference in Washington Monday would take "positive measures to speed up war production and establish labor-management cooperation throughout industrial America."

"At this conference, I'm sure, labor will devise ways and means of breaking through the red tape and other obstacles that are standing in the way of full war

## FDR Cites All-Out Role By Labor

Figures Blast Lies on 'Strikes,' Unions Back Production Drive

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hours per week in key industries are the following:

Foundries and machine — 46.9; electrical machine — 45.5; brass, bronze and copper—45.1; Engine making—44.1; Blast furnaces—39.8; Smelting—39.8; Machine tools—35; Airplane frames—43.7; Explosives—44.9; Aluminum—45.9.

In smelting and blast furnaces the two industries where the hours are slightly below 40, the President said that there is continuous 24-hour multiple shift operation.

In some individual plants, the average hours per week are much higher, the President said. He cited one machine tool plant where the workers are working 77 hours per week.

The President said that he felt this was too much.

Murray and Green cited similar figures, and revealed that a recent labor department survey showed that 646 out of 650 manufacturers polled believed that overtime pay for more than 40 hours a week did not stand in the way of increased production.

The President also told his press conference that 400,000,000 man days of work were lost in 1941 due to industrial accidents. This was 5 per cent higher than in 1940.

In 1941, the President said, 101,500 workers were killed and 350,000 workers were permanently disabled as a result of industrial accidents.

Respiratory illnesses, including colds, resulted in a loss of 160,000,000 man days of work in 1941, the President revealed.

He then pointed out that only 30,000,000 man days were lost as a result of strikes in 1941. This came to one fifteenth of the time lost as a result of accidents.

Green and Murray also provided some figures on strikes to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee. They revealed that according to official statistics only 4/1,000 of one per cent of time worked during January of this year was lost as a result of strikes.

Murray said that during the first two and a half months of 1942 only 60,000 man days of work were lost as a result of strikes. He said that this was less than one per cent of the time lost by strikes during the same two and a half months in 1942.

**GREEN SAYS CONTRAST**  
Green put it this way: Last year during this period strike losses were at the rate of 12 hours per man-year of work. This year the rate was 16 minutes per man year of work.

Murray added that during March there was only one strike affecting war production.

No wonder Murray said to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that the charge that "strikes are impeding the war production is a gross slander upon the patriotism of American workers."

## Gets Washington Post

TEGUIGALPA, Honduras, March 20 (UP).—Col Jose Augusto Padilla was appointed Honduran military attaché in Washington today, and named as the Honduran representative in the Inter-American Defense Council created by the recent Rio De Janeiro Conference of American Foreign Ministers.

The Council will hold its first meeting in Washington March 30.

Some Sunday morning in the area of the 10th, 11th and 18th A. D. S., Brooklyn, you are sure to see three or four people riding through the neighborhood on bicycles. The bicycle baskets will be filled with Sunday Workers. This is the "Bicycle Brigade" of the Communist Party, 18th A. D. They are a group of volunteers who deliver Sunday Workers to home delivery subscribers in the section.

The 18th A. D., among the top sections in N. Y. State in support of the present Sunday Worker circulation drive, has already reached its May first quota. In the words of the organizer, Harold Bolton, "the atmosphere toward the paper in the community is a very positive one. There is a new understanding of what the Sunday Worker is trying to do and the kind of paper it is."

Leading the section in the work are 155 Browder Brigades—the majority of whom are women—who are consistent in fulfilling their Brigade pledge. Many of them go out not twice but four times each month. A feature of every branch meeting is the roll-call of Brigades during which they report on the manner in which they have fulfilled their pledge.



A. E. F. on Display The Yanks of the AEF in Northern Ireland are the center of a great deal of curiosity these days. The American "blitz bug" is explained in this photo by a Yankee soldier, second from right, to British Tommies and Irish sievedores.

## Murray, Green Hit Attacks On War Effort; Urge Probe

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to sacrifice lunch money" to send out some of these telegrams.

He declared that the Oklahoma Publishing Company which publishes the Oklahoma City Times and the Daily Oklahoman had pushed the letter-writing and telegram campaign and had financed a so-called "spontaneous" anti-labor policy.

### DEFEATIST PROPAGANDA

Citing the defeatist character of this propaganda, Green said that one speaker at the Oklahoma mass meeting asked:

"Why have we lost this war?"

Murray charged that a leading participant in the disruptive letter-writing campaign is Thomas J. Wallner, President of the Southern States Industrial Council, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

He revealed that Wallner had sent a circular letter to all Southern manufacturers asking them to campaign against the wage and hour law and in favor of passing restrictive anti-labor legislation.

The CIO chief said that this letter "impugned the Supreme Court, attacked the President, Donald Nelson, the Congress and as a matter of fact, doesn't miss many men in public life."

"I charge," Murray continued, "that this blizzard is a conspiracy on the part of labor-baiters and enemies of our government."

Many seasoned observers are coming to the conclusion that the synthetic anti-labor campaign of the last few days is beginning to backfire, and that Congressional sentiment is now turning against the demands of the labor baiters.

### ADMINISTRATION STAND

Contributing greatly to this gradual shift in sentiment has been the testimony before Congressional Committees by War Production Board Chief Donald Nelson and Under-Secretary of War Robert Patterson, as well as the firm stand taken by President Roosevelt.

These two top-ranking officials showed that strikes have been reduced to a minimum, and that time and a half for overtime beyond 40 hours has not interfered with production. They warned on the contrary that passage of the legislation like the Smith bill

would have a disruptive effect on the production effort.

Green and Murray in their testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee also cited figures to show that the current anti-labor campaign is based on deliberate distortions of the record.

The united stand taken by the two labor organizations in favor of all-out production and against disruptive legislation has helped to improve the legislation situation.

### SPECIAL CIO SESSION

A special conference of the CIO will be held here on Monday to consider the anti-labor drive. This will be followed by a meeting on Tuesday of the CIO executive board.

It is expected that both meetings will discuss labor's role in speeding up production as well as the Smith bill and other anti-labor bills.

While the general situation has improved somewhat, Rep. Howard Smith is still pressing for passage of his bill, and a grave danger remains that it will be approved by the House.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Ralph Bard appeared before the House Naval Affairs Committee this morning to oppose the measure which would outlaw the union shop and eliminate all overtime pay.

Bard, however, expressed the "personal" opinion that overtime pay should be paid only after 48 hours of work instead of after 40 as at present and that the open and union shop conditions should be "frozen" as they now exist.

The Navy Department officials also joined with other administrations spokesmen in opposing double time for Sunday work.

AFL chief Green pointed out to newspapermen after his testimony at the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee that 1,500,000 AFL Building Trades workers and 100,000 AFL Metal Trades workers in West coast shipyards had voluntarily surrendered double time for Sunday under stabilization agreements with industry and government.

Murray commented that in the steel industry where the CIO has contracts with 900 companies for 600,000 workers there is no double time for Sunday.

He said that he has asked all CIO unions to begin immediate ne-

gotiations with their employers to consider the issue of double time for Sundays where it now exists.

The CIO head said that he has given no specific recommendations to affiliated unions, and that they will go through the democratic procedure of negotiating with their employers and getting approval from their membership before any action is taken.

Murray in his testimony warned that "internal strife in this nation would be food and drink for enemies. Let us have real national unity. Let us have it here and now. Labor, I pledge you, will do more than its share."

Pointing to the sacrifices workers have already made he said:

"The workers of America are already giving of their sweat and blood, and toil to the war effort. American workers, I can tell you, are men for man out-producing the workers of any other nation in the world. They are bending every energy at their machines and their furnaces and their picks."

"They are being maimed and crippled and bled at a rapidly rising accident rate. These wounds are as much wounds of war as those of front line soldiers. Union seamen are day by day giving their lives for the nation's war effort, blown into sea at night covered with burning oil. Such is record of American workers. No other group of people in the nation can match it."

### AFL IN THE WAR

Testifying on the general theme, Green said:

"The members of our unions are on the high seas as able-bodied seamen sailing the ships and the tankers that bring the raw materials to our forces. Members of our unions on boats without guns risk their lives, and many have lost their lives in tankers that have gone down."

"Members of our Building Trades Unions went to Alaska, Wake, Guam, the naval bases, the Canal Zone, where in constant danger they are building our defenses."

"Members of our Teamsters' Union are on the Burma Road."

"These workers give up safe, secure jobs to do their bit. They are the outposts for the line of supplies that begins with those working in the factories."

"Other workers man the communication and transportation services within our country and connecting us with the outside world. Pilots in the trans-Atlantic service are essential war workers."

"Labor is a great creative force indispensable to national undertakings. It is wholeheartedly behind the war program, making voluntary sacrifices. I earnestly urge Congress not to take the heart out of the voluntary cooperation offered by American workers by fettering them with restrictive legislation. Compulsion can do nothing that free workers will not give in labor and more generous measure when they are offered the opportunity to cooperate."

### Axis Patrols Active in Libya, RAF Raids Foo

CAIRO, March 20 (UP).—Enemy activity against British patrols operating west of El Gazala, approximately 50 miles west of Tobruk, was reported today by British General Headquarters.

German and Italian artillery shelled the British patrols, but did not prevent them continuing their reconnaissance work. Enemy activity was on an increased scale in the area between Mekili and Tmimi, southeast of German-held Derna. British air forces bombed landing fields at Martuba, in this same area, in daylight raids today.

The RAF also attacked objectives at Benghazi Wednesday night, and reported five of its planes missing. Two of their pilots were safe, however.

## Administration Of Local 22 Is Reelected

Rank and File Draws 5,082 Votes for Isidore Weissberg

The administration of Dress-makers Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, was yesterday returned to office results of Thursday's balloting showed, with a majority of approximately two against one for the Rank and File Committee candidates.

Charles Zimmerman who was unopposed for secretary - manager, drew 11,364 of more than 17,000 ballots cast. The top vote of the Rank and File, 5,082, was drawn by Isidore Weissberg, its leader, a candidate for business agent. The lowest vote for any of the Rank and File's 24 candidates was 4,469. The lowest vote for any of the 61 contested candidates on the Zimmerman-led ballot was 10,106, the highest 10,448.

The last-minute arrangement of the ballot to provide straight-ticket voting by a single cross in a circle, aided the administration considerably to keep intact old factional group lines. The effort of the Zimmerman supporters was centered on preventing cross-ballot voting.

Results gave some evidence that had voting not been arranged on a group basis the choice would have been more representative of the will of the membership. Lines were crossed on 2,500 ballots. The bulk of these obviously favored the Rank and File since 9,580 of the votes for the administration candidates came from straight-ticket ballots.

The Rank and File sought to avoid a sharp election contest, on an agreement for a joint ticket and administration, with the campaign devoted to rallying the membership unity behind the war effort and in defense of the union. The administration turned this down. The Rank and File named candidates for less than half of the places open, pointing out that ballots could still vote in a representative leadership. The administration then countered with its ballot arrangement.

## Cut Sentence Of Hill to Ten Months

Fish Secretary Jailed for Concealing Link to Viereck

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—Federal District Judge F. Dickinson Letts today reduced the prison sentence imposed on George Hill, former secretary to Rep. Hamilton Fish, R. N. Y., from two to six years, to 10 months to three years.

Hill was convicted of perjury in his testimony before a Federal Grand Jury which investigated foreign propaganda in this country. He originally was sentenced on Feb. 6. Letts acted on a plea for leniency filed by Richard A. Harman, brought into the case only a few days ago as counsel for Hill. Harman's plea was supported by special prosecutor William Power Maloney, who said "it is understandable, perhaps, that in association with a congressman for 30 years Hill felt he owed him loyalty."

The leniency plea was based on the fact that Hill recanted after his conviction and became a government witness in the trial of George Sylvester Viereck. Viereck was convicted of failing to reveal the full scope of his activities when he registered with the state department as an agent of the German government.

## Raid Warning In San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 20 (UP).—The warning signal for a daylight air raid alert was flashed to peace officers and civilian defense authorities here today at 3:35 P. M., PWT.

San Diego radio stations were not immediately ordered off the air by Army officers who called for the alert. The alert was what is known as the "blue alert," the second warning of danger from possible unidentified elements in the vicinity.

## Greek Merchant Ship Torpedoed Off Coast

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—A medium-sized Greek merchant vessel has been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast, the Navy Department announced today.

The name of the vessel was withheld. The Navy here did not reveal whether the ship had been sunk.

This was the sixth torpedoing announced by the Navy in the last three days.

## Bicycle Brigade Shows Way In Sunday Worker Campaign

"When the drive started," Bolton said, "the section was ordering about 400 papers each Sunday. We started with a new drive quota, and every week, like clock-work, we increased it 10 per cent. Now we are ordering over 2,000 papers each week, and a minimum of 85 per cent of these

are sold. I must admit that few of us believed it actually could be done." The section has also recruited five new members in the past week, bringing their drive total to 32.

Bolton, together with Mickey, the Section Daily Worker Director, have been giving the work constant attention and guidance. Their problem now is to move into action part of the membership which has not yet fully participated in the campaign. They are going out for new highs by May 1.

During Browder Brigade Week, March 24-31, the section plans to enroll an additional 75 Brigaders to make possible the new goals at which they are aiming. A step in this direction is the special mobilization this coming Sunday with the issue featuring the campaign to free Earl Browder.

Outstanding among the branches is Branch 22, which has built a sizeable group of steady Sunday Worker readers in the Negro neighborhood where they work. Leading the branches in subscriptions is Branch 5, whose 57 subscribers are all from the immediate neighborhood. The general subscription campaign, however, represents one of the weak spots in the section's



HAROLD BOLTON



# State UE Production Program in Full Swing

**85,000 Workers Mobilized for All-Out Output**  
**10-POINT PLAN**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 20.—The 85,000 workers of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America are this week translating into action the decisions of their District Production Conference held last weekend in Schenectady where 200 delegates and International Officers met to discuss the all-important question of production to beat the Axis.

The delegates representing many of the largest defense plants in the New York area agreed unanimously to set up production councils.

Topics under discussion include the need of organizing the remainder of industry to help further the war program.

The discussion of organization was led by James Matles, Director of Organization, and Willard Bliss International Representative.

To wipe out industrial delays and to prove the union's program in action, the conference agreed to set up production councils in every plant, the proposed program for the councils is outlined in the following ten points:

1. Extending second and third shifts until they equal the first shift.
2. Where three shifts are in full operation, establishing four shifts to keep the machines operating 168 hours a week.
3. Reducing scrap, waste and spoilage of vital and scarce materials.
4. Developing a program for cutting down absences, for health, or any other reasons.
5. Plan for the prevention of accidents.
6. Maintain machinery to prevent breakdowns.
7. Seek out suggestions from the workers for increasing the capacity of the machines.
8. Plan plant operations and training so that a supply of adequately skilled labor will be available immediately from among present workers.
9. See that a training program is instituted in your plant or community to train new workers. Fight against discrimination in training so that the greatest possible number may be brought into the productive effort.
10. Set up a production quota for your plant, and for each department, and keep the employees posted on how production is going.

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## Coast Negroes Call Victory Conference

**'This Is Our War' Churchmen, Trade Unionists Say in Rallying People**

By Jack Young

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—"This is our war," eight leading Negro churchmen, fraternalists and trade unionists said here today in announcing an "Emergency Victory Conference" to be held here next month.

Purpose of the conference will be to "work out ways and means to cooperate with our government and the trade union movement in a great military and productive offensive that will bring about the military defeat of Hitlerism."

The call for the conference asserted that "we will not be trapped into disloyalty to our country by the foul slanders of Fascist agents in this country."

All leaders of churches, social clubs, fraternal organizations, lodges, trade unions, civic, community and youth groups are asked to attend the conference which will take up the following questions:

1. What can we do to facilitate the training of new thousands of Negro men, women and youths for their placement in all phases of the expanding war industries?
2. How can the Negro community be integrated in the war drive of the trade union movement to speed production?
3. What can the Negro people do to help raise the morale of the Negro soldiers stationed in and around Los Angeles?
4. How can the Negro people participate more fully in war campaigns, such as the selling of defense bonds, contributing to the Red Cross, etc.?

### VICTORY CONFERENCE

The call said: "Our country is at war. On all the ramparts of our far flung battle lines, Americans of all races, creeds and color offer their lives that our nation may live."

"They die that we may preserve the face of the brutal attack of German, Italian and Japanese fascists the heritage of our social and human advancement bequeathed by the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the United States Constitution."

"Our liberties, our homes, our lives are threatened by the menace of fascism. The Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis, a political military alliance, is out to enslave the world."

"The rights of the Negro people are inseparably bound up with the development of national unity, for national defense, for the military defeat of German and Japanese fascism."



**Shipyard Workers Get Navy Award:** The youngest and oldest employees of the Seattle - Tacoma Shipbuilding Corp., Seattle, Wash., Robert Jeffs, left, and William Roberts, center, are shown receiving the Navy E lapel emblems from Rear Admiral C. S. Freeman, commander of the 13th Naval District. The award was made for outstanding performance in production.

## Launch Destroyer 5 Weeks Ahead of Time

**Navy Awards 'E' Pennant to Seattle Shipyard; Workers Pledge Speed**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, March 20.—The destroyer "Doyle" slid down the ways on St. Patrick's Day five weeks ahead of schedule and won for workers at Seattle-Tacoma Shipyard's Harbor Island plant the coveted Navy "E."

The Navy white and blue "E" pennant was presented to Jimmy Capello, boilermaker,

who had been elected by his fellow workers to receive the award from Rear Admiral C. S. Freeman, commander of the 13th naval district.

"Fellow workers in national defense," Admiral Freeman said in presenting the pennant, "I congratulate all of you."

He explained that the Navy "E" stands for "excellency, efficiency and effectiveness."

**PLEDGE FOR LABOR**

While thousands of shipyard workers formed a mighty backdrop for the impressive ceremony, Jimmy Capello pledged labor's determination to turn out ships fast enough to smash the Axis.

"We dedicate our lives to liberty," Capello pledged. "The Navy wants more ships. We workers in the yards answer 'can do.'"

The "Doyle" was the second destroyer launched of the 25 destroyers now under construction in the yard.

A medal of honor was pinned upon Robert Jeffs and William Roberts, the youngest and oldest worker in the yard by Admiral Freeman. In addition, each worker is awarded an "E" pin.

Chief Quartermaster G. L. Troyer, veteran of 28 years service, hoisted the pennant up the flag staff while thousands of shipyard workers cheered.

The "Doyle" is named in honor of Richard Doyle, Irish-American gunner who won fame with Stephen Decatur in the war against the Tripoli pirates in 1815.

In announcing the award from



**Almost a Sad Story:** If this Axis bomb had hit a few feet closer to this British warship the result would not have been the happy one it is. Newsreel photo was taken during an Axis aerial attack on a convoy near bomb-scarred Malta in the Mediterranean.

## Negroes Get Jobs At West Coast Shipyard

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Local of International Association of Machinists, AFL, has placed qualified Negroes in jobs with the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co. on the West Coast.

This information was furnished Dr. Malcolm S. McLean, chairman of the Fair Employment Practice Committee, here this week. The FEPC, in its hearings at Los Angeles last October, had been told by a number of skilled Negro workers that they had been unable to work at the shipbuilding yards.

The FEPC cited the situation to the President, who immediately consulted with William Green, president of the AFL, to take action on the ban against Negro workers.

## CIO-AFL Electrical Unions Hail Joint Plan

**Hail LaGuardia Proposal; To Meet on April 4 for Common Industry Pact**

Both the CIO Electrical Workers Union and the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers yesterday expressed warm approval for a plan to work out a joint collective bargaining agreement to cover wages and working conditions in plants which were hitherto subject to jurisdictional disputes between the two unions.

The acceptance of the plan for joint negotiations, put forward by Mayor LaGuardia in a letter to both unions, writes a new chapter in the history of settlement of jurisdictional disputes.

The conference, invitations to which were accepted for the CIO union by James Lustig, district organizer, and by Samuel Dobbins, business agent of Local 3, IBEW, will be held in the Mayor's office on April 4.

Firms whose representatives will attend include the Leviton Mfg. Co., Dziel Mfg. Co., the Eagle Electric Co., the Marx Mfg. Co. and the Gem Electric Co.

The decision to submit a uniform program of wages and working conditions to the manufacturers was the outgrowth of a "no-raiding" pact signed between the two unions several months ago.

Mr. Lustig hailed the agreement to hold joint negotiations as a "great step forward toward stabilizing the industry, doing away with jurisdictional difficulties and speeding production for war in the plants affected."

Mr. Dobbins of Local 3, IBEW, welcomed the agreement because he deemed jurisdictional disputes "wasteful" in the present national emergency. All our attention, he said, should be devoted to fighting the Axis, not each other.

## Negroes' Main Foe Is Hitler, Rally Told

**Eugene Gordon, Others Address Symposium in Harlem**

Hitler is the main enemy of the Negro, as he is of the American people as a whole, and the Negro press should concentrate its biggest guns upon the Hitler-Mussolini-Hirohito Axis.

That was one of the highlights of Eugene Gordon's introductory speech Thursday at the symposium on "Problems of Writing and Publishing Negro News," last of this season's "Evenings with Negro Authors," held in the main auditorium of the Harlem Branch Library, 9 W. 124th St., under the auspices of the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature.

Gordon spoke on the Daily and the Sunday Worker's treatment of the Negro people in news and editorials.

Other speakers were Julius Adams, Ludlow W. Werner and St. Clair Bourne, managing editors respectively of the Amsterdam Star-News, the New York Age and the Peoples Voice, Negro weeklies, and Tom O'Connor, specialist in Negro news for P.M.

"We believe we can prevent our native fascism becoming as dangerous by going all out against the Hitler-Mussolini-Hirohito Axis now, thus stopping his reaching here to raise his agents to state power."

He said the Daily and the Sunday Worker believed a considerable part of the fight to prevent a Hitler victory over us lay in forcing employers to hire qualified Negro workers in war industries, "so they may help to manufacture the machines to defeat Hitler in Europe."

The Daily and the Sunday Worker believed also, he said, that one way of stopping Hitler abroad is to expose and defeat Hitler agents who try to keep Negro war workers out of the Southerly Truth houses in Detroit, "thus setting white and Negro against one another and threatening the basis of national unity."

Other speakers confined themselves chiefly to explaining the role of the Negro press and to answering questions and discussion from the large audience.

Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick, Curator of the Schomburg Collection, presided.

## Vets to Mark Guadalajara Victory Sunday

The Veterans of the Garibaldi Brigade, who smashed Mussolini's black-shirted legions at Guadalajara in March 1937, are holding a mass meeting this Sunday to commemorate that victory.

The speakers will be Major Milton Wolf, National Commander of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and Rudolfo Franchini, wounded Garibaldi.

Bart van der Shelling will sing songs of the International B. G. de The meeting takes place at 3:00 P.M. at Irving Plaza and the admission is free.

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## They're Saying In Washington

By Adam Lapin

**Snipers in Congress and Hitler's Theory Of the 'Big Lie' Anent Dies, Smith & Co.**

—Daily Worker Washington Bureau

—Washington, March 20

REF. MARTIN DIES and his supporters told the House last week how much they hated the Axis. They beat their breasts in angry denial of the charges that the Dies Committee had systematically failed to investigate the real Fifth Column. They said that the Committee was all set to tell the whole story about axis propaganda, to reveal the extent of Falangist activities in Latin America, to expose Nazi movements here designed to create disunity and racial antagonisms.

That was when the resolution to extend the life of the Dies Committee for another ten months was before the House—when the Committee was under attack from a few far-sighted and courageous Congressmen.

And once the resolution was safely passed, a group of prominent Congressmen who were among the most ardent supporters of the Dies Committee started a little anti-Semitic whispering campaign. They walked around in the cloakrooms and on the floor of the House and said to their colleagues: "Did you notice? All the Jewish Congressmen voted against the Dies Committee." They left the inference that opposition to the Dies Committee had been Jewish-inspired.

HITLER has long been world's leading exponent of the lie, not of the small lie, but of the big lie, the bold lie.

It is pretty plain by this time that professional snipers and copperheads in Congress are playing Hitler's game. But it is worth noting that they are also using Hitler's technique of the lie.

The Dies Committee is a perfect example. Its whole existence has been devoted toward spreading the Hitler anti-Communist line. But that doesn't stop Martin Dies from saying that he has been trying to combat the Axis Fifth Column all along—and that it was the Roosevelt administration which has blocked his efforts.

Hitler has told the German people that the Jews are the international Communists who are trying to destroy capitalism. He has also told them that the Jews are the international bankers who are trying to preserve capitalism. The people will believe anything, according to the Nazis.

Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi, one of the most vicious backers of the Dies Committee, used some of this Hitler language on the House floor last year. The late Congressman Michael Edeleanu was so infuriated by this outburst of Nazism that he died of a heart attack shortly after answering Rankin's anti-Semitic tirade. And only this week Rep. Clare Hoffman, the inveterate Michigan labor-baiter who is also a Dies enthusiast, used the old Nazi phrases about "international bankers" and "international politicians" in the speech on the House floor.

Hoffman made this speech on an interesting occasion. A group of Congressmen, including Hoffman and Rep. Robert Rich of Pennsylvania, were sore about a little folder put out by the Friends of Democracy, Inc., accusing them and several other members of the House of "making statements that can be heard any night on your short wave radio coming straight from Berlin and Rome."

It isn't true, they said. And they joined in the fervent protestations of patriotism which had been made earlier the same day by Rep. Ham Fish, the friend of George Sylvester Viereck, the convicted Nazi agent. They all made big speeches in which they said the only thing they wanted was to win the war. All they were striving for was national unity. Hoffman's remarks echoing Hitler propaganda were made during the course of this fake national unity chorus put on by the appeasers in the House.

OR consider the present drive by Rep. Howard Smith and a lot of newspapers that ought to know better to repeal the Wage and Hour Act and a host of other labor laws.

It's all being done in the name of permitting workers to work in arms factories more than 40 hours a week. It's being done in the name of getting increased production to beat Hitler.

The only trouble with this whole campaign is that it is based on a vast lie. There is no mandatory 40-hour week in American industry, and most of the important arms factories are working more than 40 hours now. The only provision of the Wage and Hour Law on the 40-hour week is that time and a half must be paid for work over 40 hours. The effect of this part of the Smith bill will simply be to cut wages by eliminating overtime pay. And the only people who will benefit from this disruptive move are a few sweatshop employers—and the Nazis who like nothing better than this kind of heated national debate in an enemy country on a completely phoney issue.

Then there is the great drive to stop strikes and stoppages in war industry. The Halls of Congress are ringing with the demand that workers stay on the job, and scores of newspapers have joined in this valiant crusade.

But, as President Roosevelt told his press conference the other day, there is no strike problem. There are no strikes worth speaking of. And the unions have pledged to maintain continuous production.

War Production Chief Donald Nelson and Speaker Sam Rayburn of the House have emphasized in recent statements that the current campaign of sniping is right in line with Nazi propaganda efforts to divide the people. And Rayburn, an old-line conservative Congressman from the South who apparently takes the war a little more seriously than some of his colleagues, has suggested that the energy being expended in stopping non-existent strikes might be used to help win the war.

There isn't any doubt about it. Hitler and his copperhead allies in this country are using the technique of the big lie in order to keep the people fighting among themselves, in order to divert their attention from the main job of beating the Axis.

But the people are beginning to catch on. Wam't it Abraham Lincoln who said that you can't fool all of the people all of the time?

## WPB Asks Bakers End Ready-Sliced Loaves

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UP).—The War Production Board suggested today that bakers abandon production of ready-sliced loaves as a means of keeping bread prices at present levels.

The suggestion was part of general WPB recommendations that bakers reduce their operating costs so that it will not be necessary to advance the price of baked goods. Despite increases in cost of raw materials, labor and transportation.

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### The Fifth Column—Its Name and Address

The country and its leaders are rapidly coming to realize that an enormous Fifth Column of defeatist propagandists is endangering our whole war effort.

Mr. Archibald MacLeish, head of the Office of Facts and Figures, yesterday served notice to these gentry that the country is awakening to its peril, that America is coming to see who the Fifth Column really is.

It is, said MacLeish, "the newspaper publisher to whom treason itself is not detestable if by treason he can injure those he hates."

Whom does this fit if not William Randolph Hearst of the Hearst press, Col. Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune and Col. Patterson of the New York Daily News, and his ineffable sister "Cissie" Patterson of the Washington Times-Herald.

The enemy, continued Mr. MacLeish with blistering accuracy, is the propagandist "who fears and hates our allies more than he trusts his fellow-citizens"; he is "the bigot who would willingly see the United States destroyed if Russia could be destroyed in the same disaster."

Who is this if not the whole gang of America Firsters in Congress, the Cliveden Set conspirators who infest our newspapers, our radio broadcasting rooms, preaching disunity and defeatism?

The New York Herald Tribune yesterday named names. It named Senators Hiram Johnson, Tobey and Clark and such. It named Hearst, Joseph M. Patterson and Col. Robert R. McCormick. It demanded to know by what right these gentry continue loudly to pump their views into the public mind, views "which invariably come down in one way or another to embarrassing policy or strategy, spreading suspicion or division among the United Nations, or making some kind of trouble for the war effort."

To name names is necessary to defeat this internal enemy. It is the only way the people will learn to recognize the enemy's face. It is the only way to mobilize the country against the Fifth Column, which consists not merely of alien agents, but of pro-Hitler native Americans.

We think that Mr. MacLeish and the Herald Tribune have done a service to the country and to its unity. We also believe that the Herald Tribune's own cogent indictment against a personage like Hearst proves that it itself cannot editorially view his activities, and those of his mind, as merely a "parliamentary opposition" within the camp of victory. These people are outside the camp of victory. They are organizers of defeat.

Hearst hastens to prove the Tribune's and MacLeish's indictment. Hearst uses the transfer of General MacArthur to Australia as an opportunity to arouse hatred against the Government's war leadership. Hearst yesterday urged America to betray its allies, Britain, the USSR and China, thus isolating itself for an easy Axis conquest. Hearst's paper yesterday stabbed MacArthur in the back by calling our war an "Anglo-Saxon war" thus deliberately insulting our Chinese and colonial allies. Thus Hearst reveals himself as the arch-type of that internal enemy against whom Mr. MacLeish and the Herald Tribune so properly warn the nation. The fight against the Fifth Column has begun. Let there be no half-way stop.

### A War Lesson from New Guinea

The revelation that long-resident German "missionaries" in Australian New Guinea are now acting as guides for the invading Japanese forces should not only shock but enlighten American opinion.

The lesson is that Berlin and Tokio are acting with complete unity, military and political, against their intended victims. There are no reservations in the Axis military alliance.

It seems to us that the democratic powers of the United Nations cannot afford to act with any less unity, military and political, than its deadly enemy. This requires that the present collaboration between the United States and the Soviet Union be crowned and given its maximum effectiveness by a full military and political alliance.

In New Guinea, the German "missionaries" had lived for years as naturalized citizens. They had displayed their covert or open sympathy for fascism. Yet complacency permitted them to prepare unhindered for their present treason. This lesson also cannot be overlooked by the United Nations.

As Hitler summons another vast army for his Spring operations, and as the Japanese advance in the Pacific, too many of our news-

papers still content themselves with asking "Where will Hitler strike next?" Such speculation is empty and dangerous. It lulls us into passivity, and blinds us to the urgent necessity for our own initiative.

The question has got to be transformed, so that the Axis, and Hitler begin to ask worriedly "Where will the United Nations strike next?"

We have got to switch to the offensive against the heart of the Axis in such a manner that Hitler and Tokio will fearfully look at the coasts of Europe in dread of an approaching blow at their exposed flank.

This is another lesson of the smooth-working treachery now coming to light in the forests of New Guinea.

### Dorie Miller of Pearl Harbor

Dorie Miller's striking bravery at Pearl Harbor may help right one of those grave wrongs to the Negro people which scar our American democracy. At the Freedom House dinner Thursday night Wendell Willkie cited Miller's valiant feat, and then said: "He cannot enlist [except as a messman] in the United States Navy, and only for the reason that he was born with a black skin."

Scoring such an un-American set-up, Willkie then called upon the Navy to drop the rule which bars Negroes from our service at sea except as mess attendants.

With this demand all Americans who respect our democracy and who know how valuable such an act of justice would be to the national unity of the country will express enthusiastic agreement. This is a move which has been delayed too long, as the Daily Worker has stressed time and time again.

When we consider the deep devotion to our America which Miller displayed at Pearl Harbor, we can appreciate much more fully the high patriotism of the Negro people in spite of the unjust burdens and discriminations placed upon them. With the admiral dead and the regular boat's crew on which he served as mess-boy scattered by enemy plane fire, Miller came up from his place below deck and took over a machine gun. In the face of withering fire, he operated it effectively against the Japanese. And yet, in his native state of Texas, where his parents are sharecroppers, he is denied the vote through the infamous poll tax and other discriminations against his people. Perhaps even his name would have been left undisclosed had it not been for the persistence of that sterling democrat, Representative Vito Marcantonio.

Dorie Miller deserves the highest military honors from his country for this daring and valiant deed. The best of all the ways to honor what he has done is to remove the discrimination which is practiced against him and his people in the armed forces, particularly in the Navy, and also in civilian life.

### A Pro-Fascist Committee—Help End It

To give added point to his opposition to the continuation of the Rapp-Coudert Committee, Dr. Maxwell Ross, Democratic Party leader in Brooklyn, cites the warning issued by President Roosevelt against disrupters of our war unity.

Dr. Ross has put his finger on exactly the right spot. For the Rapp-Coudert Committee is envisaged by its sponsors as nothing but a weapon for anti-victory disruption. That such an enemy of the Government's war program as William Randolph Hearst is leading the campaign for the Rapp-Coudert Committee tells the whole story.

"Our Commander-in-Chief," says Dr. Ross in supporting the President's warning against disunity, "clearly points the way in the controversy over the Rapp-Coudert Committee." That way is to end this Coughlin-inspired campaign working through a state legislative committee.

Dr. Ross calls attention to the instructive fact which has already aroused the just suspicions of many New Yorkers that the Rapp-Coudert Committee spent more than \$200,000 without uncovering or questioning a single pro-fascist Christian Front in our schools. Yet it is common knowledge that these subversive pro-Nazi cliques are operating insidiously within our schools. The pro-fascist bias of the committee could hardly be more vividly indicated.

We urge that you lose no time in wiring your state representatives at Albany. Wire or write to your Assemblyman and State Senator opposing any further funds for the Rapp-Coudert anti-unity Committee.

### Honoring Walt Whitman

The campaign to get a memorial for Walt Whitman in New York City, sponsored by our cultural page, will evoke, we are sure, a warm response in a city whose greatness he so eloquently sang.

Whitman's stirring songs to democracy are being rediscovered by millions of Americans today. They have a freshness and vigor which shine all the more brightly in these hours of mortal combat with world fascism. As in the days of America's struggle against chattel slavery, they stir the heart and mind to great deeds.

The idea of honoring Walt Whitman in this city should appeal to men and women of all walks of life. The project is practical and timely.



## We Must Destroy 'Brown Plague': German Captive Officers Hold Parley in U.S.S.R.

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 20.—Towards the end of February, 1942, the first Conference of German Corporals, Lance Corporals, Non-Coms and Sergeant Majors taken prisoner in the Soviet Union was held in War Prisoner Camp No. 95.

The conference was preceded by meetings of war prisoners attended by 1,242 men at which there was a selected delegation who were charged to condemn Hitler's criminal policy and to lodge a protest against the monstrous atrocities of German Army authorities perpetrated against Soviet war prisoners and civilians in the occupied Soviet Districts.

The Conference, attended by 190 delegates and 46 guests from among war prisoner officers and soldiers of the German Army, heard a report on the "Moral Degradation and Disintegration of the Hitlerite Army" delivered by War Prisoner Theodore Zimmermann, Lance Corporal of the 30th Motorcycle Rifle Battalion, a shipyard worker from Hamburg.

"Molotov's Note" stated the reporter, "is a grim indictment against the bloody Hitlerite regime, against the German Army Command. From the tribune of this Conference we today declare to the world: We disavow once and for all the Hitlerite clique and join the united democratic front for struggle against the brownshirt plague."

#### LIVELY DISCUSSION

The report was followed by lively discussion. War Prisoner Gerhard Clement, N. C. O. of the 6th Company, 6th S. S. Infantry Regiment, a worker from Dresden, said: "The Hitlerites frightened us with stories that the Russians killed all German war prisoners, especially soldiers and officers belonging to S.S. troops. But like all others who surrendered I am alive and safe. Here in camp we all see for ourselves the humane attitude towards us. Everyone of us now realizes the enormous difference between Hitlerite Germany ruled by a gang of criminals and the Soviet Union, where all power belongs to the people."

Pilot Herbert Buchman, N. C. O. of the 51st Fighter Squadron, former blacksmith from Dortmund, declared: "Only here did I see a really humane attitude toward prisoners. Maybe that is why I was so shocked by the facts cited in Molotov's Note. I am fully determined to fight for the overthrow of the Hitlerite regime. I am looking forward to the day when I will pilot passenger planes from Germany to the USSR and back."

#### MOLOTOV GAVE FACTS

Kurt Langmaack, Lance Corporal of the 269th Artillery Regiment, a waiter from Berlin, said: "None of us will ever return to Hitlerite Germany, we will return to a new Germany liberated from the fascist yoke and purged of the Hitlerite scum. We will do everything possible to help create such a free Germany. The men who fulfill this duty will be able, on their return to their native land, to openly and honestly face their parents and children."

Corporal Heinz Ambrosius of the 18th Tank Division, a Protestant theologian, stated when he took the

floor: "Molotov's Note contains exact and verified facts. Fascist ideology recognizes no universally accepted international law and justifies all crimes. The atrocities mentioned in the note were and are being committed by people reared by the Hitlerite regime and educated in the spirit of fascist ideology."

Lance Corporal Fritz Luddenalt of the 269th Artillery Regiment, a worker from Herilauken, exposed the lies and demagoguery of the Hitlerites, pointing out that in Austria no less than 10 per cent of the whole population has been thrown into prison and concentration camps, tortured and killed by the German occupation authorities.

N. C. O. Lorenz Knauf from Weisbaden, made a passionate speech in which he said: "This Conference has been addressed by representatives of all arms, by representatives of different professions, by inhabitants of various regions of Germany. But they have all been of the unanimous opinion that the Hitlerite robber machine must be destroyed. We are treated very well here. We won't conceal the fact that at the beginning we were most surprised at this and we once again convinced ourselves of how insolently the Nazis lie."

"We were met with humane treatment. At the same time German troops and the German authorities are ruthlessly wrecking vengeance on Soviet war prisoners and the peaceful population. We were blind tools in the hands of the Nazis and their accomplices. Now, having recognized the truth, we must fight with all our strength for the overthrow of the Hitlerite regime."

#### ADOPT APPEAL

Twenty-six delegates took part in the discussions. On proposal of Lance Corporal Karl Dietrich of the 65th Sapper Battalion, a mechanic from Berlin, the delegates unanimously adopted an appeal to the German Army and the German people. The Conference greeted representatives of Rumanian soldiers and officers and German officers war prisoners in the Soviet Union. The delegates followed the report of the Mandate Commission with particular keenness. Sixty-five per cent of all conference delegates were workers and 16 per cent professional soldiers. Only some 10 per cent of participants of the conference formerly belonged to the fascist organizations. Thirty-five to forty per cent of the delegates were active members of the Fascist Party and its S. S. and S. A. detachments. Delegates to the Conference included tankists, artillerymen, aviators, infantrymen, sappers and representatives of other arms of the German Army.

The appeal of the War Prisoners Conference reads as follows: "TO THE GERMAN ARMY AND THE PEOPLE OF GERMANY: 'We delegates to the Conference of Camp No. 95, representing 1,242 German war prisoners, hereby confirm on their behalf the truth of the facts cited in Molotov's Note of January 6, 1942. To us German workers and peasants and office workers, dressed in soldier's uniforms, it is now clear that the

vile acts of plunder, rape, outrages and mass murder of peaceful Soviet inhabitants are evil crimes which brand the German nation and the whole German people in the eyes of civilized mankind."

#### WITNESSED BRUTALITY

"German officers and soldiers brutally destroy the cultural and national treasures of the Russian people, rape women and girls, kill old people, women and children, savagely torture and exterminate Soviet fighters who fall into their hands. All this is established in the Note of People's Commissar Molotov. We ourselves witnessed many such facts. 'These monstrous crimes could come to pass because the Hitlerite state system and the German High Command consciously give full rein to the basest instincts of the officers and soldiers. Hitler and his criminal gang, starting the unjust, predatory war against the U.S.S.R., the freedom-loving and democratic Soviet people. They insolently deceived us by declaring that the Soviet authorities allegedly destroy all Germans taken prisoner."

"Our life in the war prisoners camp and the fact that we freely discuss such momentous state documents is proof positive that we were most abominably deceived. We never expected and never imagined that we war prisoners, fighting on the side of Hitlerite Germany, would be treated so humanely! Thanks to this humane and impartial attitude of the Soviet people and the Soviet military command toward us, an attitude based on the general principles of Soviet democracy, we have learned to take a sober and objective view of present events. We are likewise given every opportunity to freely express our sentiments and thoughts."

"We declared: The time has come for all honest Germans to realize that Hitler and his clique stand for endless, barbaric and ruthless war; the Hitlerite system stands for an endless chain of deceit, lies and desperate sufferings, hunger and poverty for the working people. The Hitlerite clique has roused against itself the whole democratic world and all progressive mankind whose strength and will will wipe the brown plague off the face of the earth."

"We German war prisoners of Camp No. 95 call upon all honest German men and women at home, upon all our comrades at the front, to wage a ruthless struggle against the Hitlerite regime, against the German Command, against the brutal officers and soldiers who dishonor the German people and support the Fascist order. We call upon you to do everything to put an end to the criminal war and in this way to enable the German people to occupy their place in the family of civilized and freedom-loving nations."

"Down with Hitler and his gang! For a new free Germany, based on the great principles of democracy, liberty and international cooperation!"

Then follow 236 signatures of delegates and guests of the First Conference of Non-Commissioned Officers in War Prisoners Camp No. 95.

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

### READERS' DAY

#### HOW TO KILL SNAKES, INCLUDING THE AXIS VARIETY

Snakes are deadly creatures,  
 Cunning, clever, strong,  
 Their heads are full of poison,  
 Their bodies very long.

Their coils can crush and murder,  
 The whole snake is a dread,  
 But if you would destroy him  
 Strike him in the head!

A. S.

When Attorney General Biddle sees those letters  
 F. B. I. he should also think of the words Free Browder  
 Immediately.

K. H.

#### LITTLE TESTAMENT

(Continued)

Now what to those who in the light  
 Saw best and clearest; what bequeaths  
 From us, who always travelled light?  
 To Browder, freedom's air to breathe;  
 To Stalin, a souvenir we'd leave:  
 Pig's snout, from Soviet garden driven.  
 Such gifts as these not glib to give,  
 But blood and sweat say they'll be given.

Item: to the fluid of voice,  
 Who in the struggle chose their song,  
 And sing the better for their choice;  
 Robeson—but the list is long—  
 Say then, to the nameless throng  
 Of singers, we bequeath the music  
 Imprisoned by our own cracked tongue.  
 Better than we could may they use it!

Item: to wizards of wisecracks,  
 And makers of barbed mimicry,  
 Who carefully arrange the ticks  
 Upon the seat of Tyranny  
 To Chaplin's sad-faced comedy:  
 We leave the Lachen—strong verbatim,  
 The laugh of life the enemy  
 Will hear as tune to cut his throat in.

Item: we bequeath our love,  
 Passionate, if literary,  
 To Mikhail Sholokhov,  
 To the Dean of Canterbury,  
 To Nemo, jailed in solitary,  
 And to Richard Wright, whose books  
 Home into the heart can carry  
 Oppression's deep traumatic shocks.

NAOMI RIPLEY.

#### A TOAST

Air raid warden, on guard at your post,  
 The neighborly people extend you a toast:

To you, protection is a noble aim,  
 Guarding us who don't even know your name.

We toast you and greet you who stand the test,  
 Whose selflessness is our temporary rest.

SMAXIKO.

Like Christopher Columbus in 1492,  
 Sail on, O men courageous, in 1942.

A FRIEND, Philadelphia.

## Letters From Our Readers

#### Find Response to Sunday Worker 'Encouraging'—Make Suggestion

Rockland County, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We have been distributing the Sunday Worker for the past few weeks. We started with 18. Last Sunday we sold 70; and for the next week we are ordering 150. The response is very encouraging.

We have quite a large community of Negro people here, and that is where we sell most of our papers. They appreciate the fight the "Worker" makes for their cause, and they welcome us.

But, the Negro people have been reading "The Journal-American" and "The News" chiefly because they want the comic strips and the pictures which these papers are filled with. The first thing they do when we hand them a Sunday Worker is to open it up and look for the comics. One woman said she would buy the paper in preference to the others "though the children will be disappointed if they don't find the comic strips." We feel this experience is being duplicated all over the country among people generally.

We, therefore, wish to make a suggestion: Is there a possibility of having a full page of comics? If not a full page, how about a couple of columns? We realize this would entail added expense for the paper, but it would be well worth it in added circulation.

With best wishes for the circulation drive and comradely greetings,

J. O.

#### Turns to 'Daily' for Better Foreign News Coverage

Detroit, Mich.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Being one of the disgruntled citizens with the daily press and their lack of information on what is happening abroad, and especially on the great Eastern Front, I am asking you to send me a free copy of the Daily Worker and subscription rates.

W. B.

#### Applaud Fight for Negro Rights

Steubenville, Ohio.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A toast to a group of people such as you who are democratic enough to champion the cause of an oppressed minority—the Negro people.

We read your paper every day, word for word, and think it is wonderful and doing a good job in our behalf.

Here in Steubenville there is much work to be done and we are doing our best under the circumstances.

H. W.

#### Balance Sheet for Taxpayers

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Would it be possible to draw up a balance sheet showing taxpayers how much the Dies, Rapp-Coudert and Ellis Committees cost them? What they gained (?) by them and to what better advantage the money could have been spent?

DR. A.



## CHANGE THE WORLD

Coughlinism Destroys Legend  
Of the Good Priest  
In American Minds

By MIKE GOLD

"Oh, come again, St. Patrick  
Our need is sore, bleak,  
Dark days are come to Ireland,  
The snakes are crawling back!"

THIS little verse, written in green ink on a penny postcard, arrived on St. Patrick's Day. The signature looked like a Gaelic slogan, but our three or four Gaela on the Daily Worker staff were out on the streets. Hence, the best I can make it is: "Dilehar Go Brath."

It's good to see the steady growth of Irish-American resistance to the Fifth Column of Coughlinism.

It has been awful to watch a people as sensitive to oppression as the Irish become tools of Hitler, the world's most insane bigot, and assassin of nations.

What can Ireland expect from the victory of Hitler but the same fate as France, Yugoslavia or Catholic Poland?

Ireland would be starved; all its food taken forcibly by Hitler. Irish patriots would hang by the thousands in every city and village.

No Irish free press; no Irish free church; no Irish free state; no Irish literature; the suppression of Gaelic; the degradation of the Irish to the status of Hitler's colonial coolies—is this what the rulers of Ireland wish for their country?

They are mad if they think anything better can be gained by the defeat of America and England.

And they are blind if they cannot see that the defeat of world fascism will solve the Irish problem, which is the universal one of imperialism. We are not fighting merely to stop Hitler; we are making a new and better world.

The political masters of Ireland may choose to keep their country "neutral" against England and America, but the great majority of Irish-Americans are not such dubious neutrals.

Millions of them are in our Army and Navy, fighting in the Philippines, or in the merchant marine, on ships torpedoed by the Nazis.

Irish-Americans are among the most prominent leaders of our trade unions. They are all-out in the war against fascism, and are backed by armies of Irish-American workers in all the major war industries.

There is no subtle arguing and British-baiting here; this is simply a statistical fact.

The Hitlerites among the Irish-Americans are a small but windy minority. Even though they have part of the Catholic hierarchy with them, they are fighting against history.

The Irish-Americans may sing sentimental ballads like "Rosie O'Day," and retain an affection for the old country such as everyone has for a charming old grandmother.

But they have been here for more than a century, and cannot help being Americans. As a longshoreman said to me one day: "My tenement house is my Ireland. The public school where my children go is my Ireland. The docks where I make my living is my Ireland. That's what I'll fight for—my home."

A small country like Ireland can never win its freedom by its own efforts. It must have allies. America was always the most powerful ally of little Ireland. Millions of American dollars financed the Irish rebellion soon after the last World War. The strong public opinion here backed Ireland in its peace negotiations with the British Tories.

Now the Irish politicians seem anxious to cast off American aid and friendship, they are taking Nazi Germany for their new ally instead. What a choice!

The wolf promised the sheep to help him against their common enemy, the dog. The sheep has again, as in the fable, accepted this generous offer.

There are Irishmen and Irishwomen in New York, craved by Coughlinism, who actually gloat because Hitler has been massacring the Jews.

Because they cannot forget the historic wrongs done to Ireland by the British Empire, they enjoy the persecution of other minority groups by Hitler. What folly!

The slaughter of Jews can never free Ireland. The shooting of French hostages, the machine-gunning of Dutch and Polish women and babies will not free Ireland.

The loss of American friendship, of the unflagging help of millions of Irish-Americans, can certainly never free Ireland!

And a Hitler victory over England and America will not free Ireland, but enslave it with the heaviest chains known in the cruel annals of history.

At a mass meeting of the American-Irish Defense Association on St. Patrick's day, Dr. William Agar of Freedom House resented "the bad name which has been given to Americans of Irish descent by a vicious vocal minority."

"We of Irish descent," he said, "must remember that Fascist agents seeking to divide us would have Americans believe that Irish Catholics are Fascists at heart."

Thus, the American Irish who are also Catholics begin to understand the great harm done them by the Coughlinites.

Coughlin and his followers hate democracy, they hate liberals, they hate Jews. But they have done infinitely less harm to Jews, liberals and New Dealers than they have done to their own folk and their own church.

Who would deny that there is more anti-Irish and anti-Catholic feeling in this country than there was before Coughlin started his ranting campaign of Jew-baiting and Roosevelt-baiting?

This, of course, is among the ignorant, who always mistake the bellow of the vocal minority for that of the more silent majority. But the prejudice will mount as the war continues.

Slowly, the American people are waking to the danger we are in. Defeat follows defeat; soon the Japanese and Nazis may be on our shores.

Americans aren't quitters or cowards. They will fight like heroes for their homes and institutions. Their slow but giant wrath will crush every foe.

And Father Coughlin is rooting for the Axis. And Father Curran is rooting for the U-bots. Too many priests of Irish extraction are prominent among the appeasers and pro-Nazis. They stand like enemy targets on the road to American victory.

If I were an Irish Catholic I would shudder with Dr. Agar at the explosive possibilities of such a situation. It is foolish even for an opportunist to bet his life that America will lose the war to Hitler.

These Coughlinites, who work with the approval of the hierarchy, are also fixing an evil image in the American mind.

For many years through American literature, the theatre and movies, there has passed the fictional character of a good priest, the Soggarth Aaron, beloved friend of all mankind.

Millions of us, non-Catholic, accepted this legend, and had a kindly respect for the Church and its good men.

It was not altogether a myth; I myself have known such good priests and their work in slum neighborhoods.

Not every man has the vocation for priesthood; bad or mediocre elements as in every human group, must drift in; but there are men with love in their hearts, who try to serve humanity as priests! This is sure.

And what would creed or belief matter if the good men of the world could gather in congress to save humanity? The love in their hearts would unite them in finding a common path.

At such a Congress the Father Curran and Father Coughlin could not be admitted. They have not a spark of love in their bosoms. They sow hate and confusion among men. They are champions of race-hatred, and hatred of all that is just and decent in democracy. They are nothing but Hitlerites.

When a non-Catholic American thinks of the Church today is it the image of the good priest that floats through his mind, or the image of a Father Coughlin on fire with hatred, his face distorted with ranting against Roosevelt, Churchill, the democratic cause?

Father Coughlin, no doubt of it, is the loudest and best-known priest in the Catholic Church today. Is it good for the Church that he should remain such in the eyes of a nation fighting for its life against all that Coughlinism means? Why do the good Catholics tolerate these bad spokesmen? Coughlinism is doing them an untold injury for all time to come.

## Husband and Wife Meet at The Music Hall

By Milton Meltzer

THIS FREEDOM, Thirteenth New Radio

By Sylvia Taylor

In his foreword to this new collection of Arch Oboler's radio plays Robert Landry, Variety's radio critic, says a few words in summary of American broadcasting. Its history is hardly more than 20 years, yet it has already entered upon "a more reflective, more mature, more socially responsible period."

Arch Oboler is one of those few who did most by their own efforts to meet the challenge of radio.

It is a challenge. Never until this generation could a political leader, a musician, a poet, a writer, reach an audience of 70 millions at once.

"Great audiences demand great artists," Walt Whitman said. That the radio audience has not often gotten its demand is painfully clear even to casual listeners.

Steady Growth Towards Maturity

There's still bad music, bad jokes, bad blarney, bad serials to be heard. But much less than in the years when radio was giving most of its time to overcoming the problems of transmission and reception, of marketing of sets and organization of stations and networks.

In the last half-dozen years there has been a steady growth towards maturity of which Landry speaks. The music has become vastly better, the comedians somewhat subtler, and the advertising less blatant.

We still suffer from serials, especially in those midday hours, but even this field has developed programs of the human quality of "Vic and Sade."

The radio dramas have grown enormously better. Progressive educators have warmly welcomed the School of the Air programs, the government series such as Philip Cohen's "Americans All—Immigrants All," the Columbia Workshop dramas, Norman Corwin's several different programs and Oboler's.

Our entrance into the democratic war against the Axis powers has given the best radio dramatists their greatest opportunities. Almost every day and night of the week you can turn your dial to some first-class program, usually sponsored by a federal agency.

If it had not been for the ground-breaking — and heart-breaking — work done by the Obolers and the Corwins years back, our victory drive today would have been hard put to it to find the means and help the nation's morale.

'Liberty Isn't a Gift But a Victory'

Back in '36 Arch Oboler was grinding out weekly horror dramas through a Chicago station. They were thrillers, but he didn't depend entirely on ghosts and thunder. He put the finger on dictators too. Three years later he was doing a series of half-hour radio dramas every week over NBC, producing, writing and directing. It is from this series and later ones that the plays for this collection were drawn.

Oboler has been an anti-fascist for a long time and apparently has never hesitated to let it be known in his radio work. These plays run from five or six minutes in production time to a half-hour, and every one tries to make some social point. In several almost the same phrasing is used to indicate Oboler's goal: "a world where men think free and talk free, where everybody has his own land, not too much, and men are like brothers."

Another theme one character after another repeats is "liberty is not a gift, but a victory." Preceding each drama is a short preface note in which Oboler explains the occasion for the piece, his motive in attempting it, the difficulties he met in getting it accepted by the network censors. Until recently those difficulties were so great he was forced to say things by indirection — building parables, draping upon

mythology, inventing fantasies — each tied somehow to everyday truth.

That problem of getting the idea through the censors, those radio executives who were appeasers themselves, or afraid of appeasers, or far behind the temper of the vast radio audience, often forced Oboler to resort to methods that weakened his point and diffused the response to it. Sometimes too he shows an inability to get below the surface of political problems and at other times a lamentable lack of taste.

Sometimes Superficial And Tricky

"Special to Hollywood," "And Adam Begot," "The Word," and "The Immortal Gentleman" all have an element of unreality. The key characters are selfish escapists, or blind idealists, or innocent babes, and to wake them up to hard fact Oboler has a plane suddenly suspend itself in mid-air, or resurrect a Neanderthal, or has God wipe every human but two off the earth, or conjures up a world of eternally living people.

One device such as these may sometimes be effective as a shortcut to establishing a truth, but Oboler so overdoes it that the climactic point is often lost in the wonderment at his bizarre tricks.

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## Radio's Arch Oboler

13 Anti-Fascist Radio Plays Just Published



Arch Oboler, who writes, produces and directs anti-fascist radio dramas, looks over one of his scripts with screen actress Joan Crawford, starring in the lead role. A new collection of Oboler's radio plays has just been published.

mythology, inventing fantasies — each tied somehow to everyday truth.

That problem of getting the idea through the censors, those radio executives who were appeasers themselves, or afraid of appeasers, or far behind the temper of the vast radio audience, often forced Oboler to resort to methods that weakened his point and diffused the response to it. Sometimes too he shows an inability to get below the surface of political problems and at other times a lamentable lack of taste.

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## In the Sunday Worker-- 'Whitman and USSR'

Samuel Putnam Writes Special Article on Great Poet of Democracy

The Sunday Worker will publish on its Literary Page tomorrow an important article on Walt Whitman and the Soviet Union by Samuel Putnam, noted literary scholar.

The article — containing much material never before published in the American press — describes the varying fortunes of "Leaves of Grass" in Russia, from the time the first Russian edition was published in 1905 only to be promptly suppressed by the Czar, to 1918 when the Soviet Republic authorized the printing of Whitman's poems.

Putnam's article in the Sunday Worker is published in connection with the 50th anniversary of Walt Whitman's death this month.

WALT WHITMAN

### MOTION PICTURES

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THE MAN WHO SEEKS THE TRUTH

**2nd RECORD WEEK! LAST 5 DAYS!!**

**GIRL FROM LENINGRAD**

EXCELLENT! "A WAR-TIME WALLPAPER"

Also "To the Jews of the World"

ASCOT

### The New Joan



Michele Morgan is the "Joan of Paris" who fights the Nazis in that film together with Paul Henreid. It's now at the Academy of Music; co-feature is "Playmates."

### Writers School Adds New Course on Pamphlets for Defense

The Writers School has revised its curriculum for the spring term opening April 13 to include a course in the writing of pamphlets for defense. It was announced today by Dashiell Hammett. According to Morris Watson, former managing producer of The Living Newspaper of the Federal Theater who will conduct the workshop group, the new course will be concerned with the problem of reaching the public quickly and effectively for defense action.

During the thirteenth term of the school, well-known writers will again conduct workshop groups in a variety of literary forms and techniques. Among the courses listed in the new bulletin are: Source Materials for the Writer; Technique of the Short Story; Short Stories for Confession Magazines; Short Stories for Smooth Paper Magazines; Writing for Children; Technique of Playwriting; Radio Writing; Writing for the Labor Press; Article Writing; and Pamphlet and Leaflet Writing for Defense.

Instructors include: Hyde Park, Myra Page, Ruth Marrow, Mary Eiting, Harry Granick, Lem Ward, Alexander L. Crosby, Wellington Roe, Helen Borgovoy, and Morris Watson.

The Writers School is sponsored by the League of American Writers, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

### At Four Theatres



A scene from "Girl From Leningrad," which is now playing here at four theatres: The Irving Place, 15th St. and Irving Place, and in Brooklyn, Ulica Theatre, St. Johns Place and Ulica Ave.; Tuxedo Theatre on Brighton Beach Ave. and Ascot Theatre, Grand Concourse and 183rd St. in the Bronx.

### Boston Symphony Gives Russian Benefit Concert In Washington Mar. 31

The Boston Symphony Orchestra, with Serge Koussevitzky conducting, will give its first concert in Washington, D. C., in seven years on March 31. Proceeds of the concert will go to Russian War Relief for the purchase of medicines and surgical supplies for Russia.

Plans for the concert were announced in Washington by Mrs. Joseph E. Davies, wife of the former American Ambassador to the Soviet Union and chairman of the committee in charge for Russian War Relief, and Mrs. Edward M. Watson, vice-chairman of the committee.

Koussevitzky, a native of Russia, is one of the sponsors of Russian War Relief, Inc., and has been active for months in raising funds for relief supplies.

A branch chapter of Russian War Relief, Inc., is in the process of organization in Washington. Headquarters for a provisional committee already have been opened in the Farragut Medical Building.

### Russian War Relief Sponsors Cultural Events For Children at Barbizon

The Children's Committee of Russian War Relief is sponsoring two cultural events for children at the Barbizon Plaza.

David Lubel, young pianist, will be heard in a musical program this Sunday, March 22 at 3 P.M. in the Salon de Musique in selections from Handel, Beethoven, Bach, Chopin and Schubert. Admission for adults is 50 cents; for children, 25.

A joint art exhibit featuring the work of children from six to 14 will be shown at the Barbizon Plaza Art Galleries from March 25 through April 5. The works displayed will be contributed by the Youth Committee of RWR and youth groups of the Soviet Union.

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Too Late!

# Dodgers Trounce Yanks 12-4

Grapefruit World Series Opens with Allen, Kimball Humbling Champs—Brooks Bombard Yank Hurlers

The Dodgers atoned somewhat for their World Series beating at the hands of the Yanks yesterday down in St. Pete when they walloped the Champs all over the lot in their first meeting of the season to win 12-4.

## Robinson and Rubio at 144

Ray Robinson, unbeaten Harlem writer, weighed 143 and a quarter and Norm Rubio, Albany slugger, 144 as they went into the Madison Square Garden ring last night. This edition went to press too early for the result of the fight. See tomorrow's Sunday Worker for Lester Rodney's ringside observations and dressing room interviews.

### CUB LEFTY TRIO

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal. March 18. (UP)—Jimmy Wilson of the Chicago Cubs selected three left-handed batters for his 1942 outfield today and intensified a search for two or three right-handers to keep the opposition from "southpawing us to death all season," he said. Charley Gilbert, Phil Cavaretta and Bill Nicholson definitely were on the roster.

Johnny Allen, the lantern-jawed big boy and New Kimball who Leo Durocher has named as a starter held the mighty Bombers to only eight hits and spaced out their four runs over four separate innings. Meanwhile the Dodgers were stepping into the hurling of Johnny Lindell, Rinaldo Ardiaola and Johnny Murphy—19 hits and an even dozen runs.

Arkie Vaughan, the shagging third sacker led the parade with 4 for 4 and blasted 4 tallies across the platter. Ducky Medwick, back in action after a brief spell on the bench, banged across three runs and Pee Wee Reese accounted for 3 with three hits in four trips to the plate.

Kimball was particularly effective, letting the Yanks down with only one run in five innings.

Bring on that World Series!

### Our Heroes:

## McGee Lone Giant Note of Cheer; Galan May Be Dodger Surprise

### Rookie Ryan One of Ott's Many Disappointments

By Nat Low

Touching all the bases on a fast jog around the baseball scene... Bill McGee who had a miserable season last year, winning only 2 and losing 9 with the Giants, is showing some promise of what he is capable of. In three outings against the Red Sox, Dodgers and Senators he hasn't allowed an earned run to be scored off his slants in eleven innings of play.

Connie Ryan the much publicized kid second sacker is suffering from a bad case of the jitters and Mel Ott is having his hands full settling the kid down... The bench cure is about the only thing that helps and Connie will be cooling his heels in the dugout for a couple of days.

The Giants to date look as forlorn as they have been these past few years and Ott is suffering his first pains of anguish as a manager. Before the season is out they may be calling the Boy Wonder the "Old Man."

### YANKS

Gerry Priddy the transplanted third baseman of the Yanks hasn't failed to get on base in nine straight games. The kid is not much of a long hitter but combines speed with a fine eye and should be a thorn in the side of many an American league pitcher this season.

### DODGERS

Arkie Vaughan's four runs batted in yesterday off the hurling of the Yanks put the slugging ex-pirate into the team lead in runs batted in. Arkie has twice busted four runs across the plate in a single game.

### EXHIBITION SCORES

At Sarasota, Fla.  
St. Louis (N)...002 000 500—7 5 1  
Boston (A)...100 010 000—2 6 3  
Surkont, Munger (3), White (5),  
Hutchinson (7) and Cooper, O'Dea  
(6); Newsome, Foster (7), Butland  
(8) and Conroy, Wallace (5).

At St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Brooklyn (N)...013 130 401—12 19 1  
New York (A)...110 100 100—4 8 0  
Allen, Kimball (5) and Dapper;  
Lindell, Ardiaola (5), Murphy (8)  
and Sears.

At Lakeland, Fla.  
Cincinnati (N)...000 000 000—4 1 1  
Detroit (A)...100 001 002—3 4 2  
Wade, Begg (4), Riddle (7) and  
Hemley; Benton, White (6) and  
Parsons.

At Deland, Fla.  
Blynn B-Team...000 100 000—1 7 1  
St. Louis (A)...100 100 100—11 9 9  
Pittsinnema, Drake (4) and How-  
ell; Auker, Harris (8) and Estridge,  
Hayworth (6).

At Miami Beach, Fla.  
Phillie (N)...000 000 000—3 7 1  
Wash. (A)...000 000 000—0 0 0  
Johnson, Blanton (6) and War-  
ren; Hudson, Carrasquel (6) and  
Early.

and is sparking the murderers row which the Dodgers boast.

Augie Galan who is subbing for the slightly injured Dolf Camilli is proving just how handy a guy he is

### WHAT'S ON

Notes: What's on notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 35c per line (14 words to 1 line—2 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon, Sunday, 4 P.M. Friday.

### Tonight

Manhattan

KEEP UP YOUR MORALE. Come to Spring Frolic and Dance at Second Ave. Cultural Center. Swing Band, Entertainment, refreshments. 180 Second Ave. 8:30 P.M. Sub. 35c.

CHIEF LIBERTY—The Anti-Fascist Cabaret Meet the east of Johnny Doodle. Ad at this page. 130 W. 44th St. (Crown Hotel). 8-9 A.M.

VICTORY CLUBS SATURDAY-Sunday, 7 P.M. Dances and refreshments. Trust 400, 410 Hudson Ave. Apt. 2B (at 169th St.).

SHIMIAN WAR RELIEF. Let us meet again with Bob Dorsey at the newly tuned grand piano. The atmosphere is really friendly. 40 W. 13th St. Apt. 103 St. V. 8:30 P.M.

SWING OFF THE BEATS! Dancing, Entertainment. Vernon Griffith Orchestra. 100 Second Ave. Admission 35c, door 50c.

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ALLY HOP—An evening of fun with the American Aid. Guild. Polka dancing, Games, refreshments. Main Studios. Admission 40c. Sub. American Aid. Guild—Local No. 26—8:30 P.M.

SWING TREAT GAL IN CALICO, featuring American Square Dancing. Almanac, Benefit Allied War Relief. Donation 50c. 400 E. 13th St. Sub. 35c. 8:30 P.M.

INSTALLATION DANCE and entertainment given by the American Aid. Guild. Polka dancing, Games, refreshments. Main Studios. Admission 40c. Sub. American Aid. Guild—Local No. 26—8:30 P.M.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT—Mandolin Ensemble, Matthew Kahan, Conductor. Norman Hollander, Cello soloist. Leopold Miller, music commentator with piano illustrations. 100 E. 12th St. Sub. 35c. 8:30 P.M.

REAL BARN DANCE—No hay, but plenty of square dances, polkas and waltzes. European and American folk dances taught by American Folk Dance Group. Stage 61, Carnegie Hall. 154 W. 57th St. Sub. 35c. 8:30 P.M.

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### Gerry Priddy Coming Through Nicely for Yanks

to have around. He can play the outfield, first base and can even to a creditable job at the hot corner. And the little guy can hit. His homer and two singles highlighted the Dodger win over the Cards Thursday. Last year he hit only 206, put hits in the pinch and once a year will have a hot streak and blast down the fences.

### CCNY Football Prospects Good

Fifty-two candidates reported yesterday to Coach Benny Friedman as City College's football team inaugurated Spring practice drills in Lewisohn Stadium. The group reporting yesterday was gathered by a special invitation and the ranks will be swelled by a general call later in the month.

Seventeen lettermen and fourteen members of last season's varsity were included in the number who donned the mole skins for the first workout. Friedman indicated that among the regulars available for duty next fall will be Hal Aronson, star halfback; 200-pound fullback Hal Goldstein; Jim Massa, end; Ralph Schmone, halfback; Hal Zinman and Bill Taufman, guards; Dave Weinreb, center; and Cy Getzoff, end.

The most promising recruits are Charles "Jasper" Jones a 205-pound crashing Negro fullback and Marty Oberman, a 195-pound tackle, both from the Junior Varsity. The results of the recision of the freshmen rule recently effected at CCNY are not yet available by the Laven-

der mentor reported that a number of freshmen with some high school experience, a rarity at City College, have come out for the squad. The freshmen class to be admitted in September will furnish additional prospects.

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# Toledo Emerges as Best Team in Brilliant Tourney



RED BUFFING Yankes vet is rounding into shape slowly, but says he feels good.

### Wade Reports

DURHAM, N. C., March 18 (UP).—Wallace Wade, who, as head football coach at Duke University since 1931 has won six Southern Conference championships and taken two teams to the Rose Bowl, reports March 28 for active duty as a major in the field artillery, he said today.

Wade, a captain during the first world war, was notified yesterday of his appointment. He requested assignment to active duty and will report at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Edmund M. Cameron, backfield coach, was named acting athletic director and acting head football coach during Wade's absence.

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## Breath Taking Play in Beating Rhody at Own Game Strengthens Impression of Midwestern's Class; Kentucky Surprise in Nipping CCNY

By Lester Rodney

Well, the first round of the National Invitation Tourney is over and the semi-finals are coming up Monday night with Toledo meeting West Virginia and Creighton tackling Western Kentucky.

Our local heroes, LIU and CCNY, have been eliminated by underdog West Virginia and Western Kentucky—noed out in close games that could have gone either way mind you, but eliminated none the less. The trimming of Texas by Creighton in the opening night's play gave heart to those who had been worried about the invincibility of very tall teams.

And out of Thursday night's results, which saw Kentucky edge CCNY 46-46 and Toledo beat Rhode Island in an 82-71 fantasia that shattered all Garden records, it looks as if the National Championship may well move from Ford St. in Brooklyn (LIU had it last year), to the midwest, carried there by a Toledo team which left the second straight capacity crowd babbling incoherently.

Toledo is a great, great ball club. It came in as the midwest's unchallenged best during the season to meet LIU and was noed out without the services of Bob Gerber, their bespectacled, bemused, bewitching and bewildering scoring ace. This lad from Akron nonchalantly dropped a little matter of 37 points through the hoops against Rhode Wednesday night. Of course Toledo doesn't regularly go around scoring in the 80s, or Gerber in the high 30s. In fact, it's known more as the careful, possession type of team. But it was up against a team that plays wild, wide open offensive basketball, a team that scores a lot by virtue of neglecting defense for perpetually driving down to attack. So Toledo took advantage of the openings to go into a super-attack, which was buttressed by their height and weight advantage over the game, scrappy little team for Kingdon in the smallest state in the union.

First of the great Toledo trio is Gerber. His "blind" shot from the pivot, in which he just sort of carelessly loops it over his shoulder without even turning his body, is almost unstopable. He's a clever, two hand dribbler and feint and deadly layup artist. He can pop them if need be from medium short range with one hand and with the two hand set shot. And he's invaluable in getting rebounds. Second great Toledo star is Frank Clemens, 200 pound Negro forward who runs with the unstoppable shut-out-of-a-gun drive of a great football back, which he also is in the proper season. Clemens was all over the court, standing out particularly in his countless leaping interceptions of the Rhode football type long passes, his feeding Gerber in downcourt, and found time to score twelve points, several of the sensational variety at top speed.

Third extraordinary (we ain't kidding about that word) Toledo star is Bart Quinn, stout, redfaced forward with the snap one hand flip that hits its mark like something pulled on a string. He had eighteen points when he fouled out early in the second half. (The Rhode bench joined the applause for him as he left—which is in the spirit of this whole fine tourney.)

If Rhody had a little more height to go with their ceaseless attack (70 point average for the year) they might have been the team of the tourney. In Stuts Modelwsky and Bill Rutledge (his 26 points were lost in the shuffle) they have a couple of boys who really have it. In this wild looking game, which saw almost no orthodox set shooting, just driving in and under ceaselessly, all Garden team marks for scoring were broken by Toledo and individual marks by its Gerber. Bill Lloyd of St. Johns had scored 31 against Roanoke in the 1938 tourney.

CCNY EDGED

The opening game was a fine exhibition of good basketball of the more orthodox variety. The lads from Bowling Green, a veteran outfit which went to the finals of the NCAA tourney two years ago as sophoms, were big, strong, poised and accurate. It was off the boards that they beat City, holding possession of the ball after shots by virtue of hard and skillful following up. It was a set play team, working off double pivots and stressing careful ball handling. City blazed into its hottest in the second half after trailing by nine points, scoring 12 in a row through a suddenly bewildered Kentucky defense to take a 40-37 lead at the 10 minute mark. Another beautiful play was made right after this but soph Shinkarik's layup rolled out—and that was made a difference. Kentucky came back undaunted to regain the lead and hold it off by good ball handling till the close. City outscored the visitors from the floor, but made only four of nine foul shots attempted.

While Bill Holzman, the incomparable, was devoting himself to holding the